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Both claim inflicting heavy losses Iraq pounds Iran posts

BAGHDAD, April 12 (Agencies) — Iran and Iraq reported renewed artillery and air attacks in their Gulf war Tuesday, following a new Iranian offensive.

Iraq said its fighter planes and helicopter gunships pounded Iranian positions Tuesday morning and that more than 3,200 Iranians were killed and thousands wounded or captured in Monday's fighting.

An Iraqi military spokesman said the air raids had inflicted heavy losses on Iranian forces and caused huge fires among their stocks of ammunition and equipment. He said Iraqi planes and helicopters were still raiding Iranian lines Tuesday afternoon.

Baathist military communiques said most of the Iranian attacking force was "smashed" along 20 kilometers of the 30-kilometer battle line in Iraq's southeast province of Misan during the first 12 hours of the offensive, which started late on Sunday night. The commander of Iraqi forces in the area, giving the figures for Iranian casualties, added that huge quantities of equipment had been destroyed in the first 24 hours of fighting.

Baathist television broadcast two films from the war zone showing hundreds of bodies scattered in trenches and among lines of barbed wire.

A military spokesman warned Tehran that Iraq would react "violently" if Iranian forces continued to bomb civilian targets in Iraq, INA reported. "Iraq, which deliberately avoids bombing Iranian frontier cities out of its respect for humanitarian principles," the spokesman said, "will not remain indifferent to the bombing of Iraqi lodgings, hospitals and schools."

Iraq Tuesday sent a message to the United Nations on the latest Iranian offensive, the Iraqi News Agency reported. It said the mes-

sage was sent by Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz to the U.N. secretary-general's office in New York. It did not give the contents.

Meanwhile, Iran said its forces surrounded a military post 10 kilometers inside Iraq Tuesday morning and that the Iraqis had suffered 5,000 casualties since the start of the offensive.

The latest hostilities extinguished hopes that the two Gulf neighbors might agree to at least a limited ceasefire to allow the repair of damaged Iranians wells leaking oil into the Gulf.

The Iranian National News Agency (IRNA) quoted military officials as saying 70 percent of the objectives of the new Iranian thrust had been achieved. An Iranian military communiqué Monday night said 150 square kilometers of Iraqi-held territory had been recaptured. Tehran radio said Iranian forces had killed all Iraqi personnel at a military post in the Band-e Bozorgan Mountains.

In another development, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati arrived in Damascus unexpectedly Tuesday. He was met at the airport by his Syrian counterpart Abdul Hafim Khaddam, Syrian News Agency reported. SANA did not say what the aim of the visit was, nor how long it would last.

In Amman, British Foreign Secretary Francis Pym held a two-hour conference with King Hussein and told reporters before his departure to London: An Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and a freeze on building settlements in the West Bank became more imperative than before in order to keep the peace-making process alive.

In Stockholm, Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat was expected to intensify his diplomatic activity.

From Damascus came a PLO statement asserting that Reagan's plan was "neither sincere nor trustworthy."

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Gandhi bags Oscars

LOS ANGELES, April 12 (R) — A 20-year struggle by actor-turned-director Sir Richard Attenborough ended in glory when his film *Gandhi* won eight Oscars, including the best actor award for Ben Kingsley in his first screen role.

"It was really quite extraordinary. I didn't think it was possible," a beaming Attenborough said, nursing two of the golden statuettes — for best picture and best director — in his arms. "No British film in history has ever won so many Oscars."

For two decades, Attenborough worked to finance and ultimately direct the life story of Indian leader Mahatma Gandhi. A standing, cheering audience of film stars, producers and directors in Los Angeles Tuesday night told him his \$22 million, dream had triumphed.

Meryl Streep won the award for best actress for her role as a haunted survivor of a Nazi concentration camp in *Sophie's Choice*. Lou Gossett became the first black actor in 20 years to win an Oscar.

But the night was dominated by *Gandhi*. In his moment of glory Attenborough remembered the man it was all about. "The person you truly honor, Mahatma Gandhi and his plea to live in peace," he said on receiving the award for best picture.

A *Shaking Accident* was named best short subject and *Tango* received the best animated short subject prize.

Troops out to control Karachi riots

KARACHI, April 12 (Agencies) — Troops were sent in to control a fresh outbreak of sectarian violence in Karachi Tuesday as thousands of demonstrators burned shops, houses and cars, eyewitnesses said. They said the troops arrived in the Liaquatabad area after police were unable to control Sunni crowds.

There were rumors that two persons had been stabbed to death, but these could not be officially confirmed. According to the eyewitnesses, 18 shops, five houses and two cars were burned and two places of worship set ablaze in a confrontation between Sunnis and Shias.

Police earlier fired tear gas to break up a stone-throwing crowd in predominantly Sunni area where at least seven persons were killed last month in clashes between the sects, they said. The long-running conflict is over ownership of a mosque. Thirteen persons had been arrested for attacking policemen and damaging property and arrests were continuing, police said.

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In newspaper interviews in July and August 1982, Gen. Galtieri said that Argentine troops had not resisted well enough and he accused Gen. Mario Menendez, the Falklands military governor, of making poor military decisions. Gen. Christino Nicolaides, Gen. Galtieri's successor, took the case to a military court.

The former president must answer for his attitude during the Falklands conflict. The commission investigating strategic, military and diplomatic conduct during the war will present its conclusions to the ruling junta before the end of this month.

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Mideast peace talks intensified Reagan pleads with Palestinians

AMMAN, April 12 (Agencies) — A series of hectic consultations and meetings took place in several capitals and statements issued Tuesday, following the decision by Jordan's King Hussein not to enter talks with Israel.

U.S. officials have insisted that Reagan's Sept. 1 initiative is still alive, even though the PLO has turned it down by refusing to endorse a plan for Jordan to represent Palestinian interests in peace talks with Israel.

Asked by reporters if his peace plan was dead because of the PLO action, Reagan said Tuesday "no, it isn't."

Reagan said during an arrival ceremony for Sultan Qaboos of Oman on the White House South lawn that he would discuss his initiative with the Omani ruler. He said he remains "morally committed" to the search for peace and added he would oppose radical elements who are seeking to "prevent an agreement which would permit King Hussein of Jordan to join the peace process."

The PLO news agency Wafa quoted a "responsible Palestinian source" as saying the organization "refuses to consider the project of Reagan as a good basis for solving the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Zionist conflict."

According to another report, Israel's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, the office reportedly recommended that 100 new settlements be built for every stone that the Arabs throw in the West Bank."

"When there are another 100 settlements between Nablus and Jerusalem they will no longer throw stones at us," the state radio quoted Eytan as saying.

Meanwhile, an official in Prime Minister Menachem Begin's government announced a campaign to expand 68 existing settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Hundreds await Sartawi's body

AMMAN, April 12 (AP) — Hundreds of Palestine Liberation Organization officials were awaiting here Monday the arrival of the remains of PLO leader Issam Sartawi, who was assassinated two days ago at a Socialist International congress in Portugal.

Police said in Lisbon they were convinced several men had carried out the murder. A Lisbon judge was expected to rule on possible charges against a suspect in the killing detained by Lisbon police late Sunday.

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Pakistani delegation welcomes investments

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 12 — A three-member Pakistani investment delegation, led by Muhammad Yousuf Zia, president of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), arrived in Riyadh from Kuwait on Tuesday for a four-day visit to the Kingdom.

The delegation is visiting the Kingdom and two Gulf countries to apprise the prospective investors in the Middle East and Gulf states of opportunities and incentives for foreign industrial investment in Pakistan, according to Pakistan Embassy Commercial Counselor Jaleel Ahmad Siddiqi.

Siddiqi said the team, comprising FPCCI Vice President Tariq Ssyed and Reza H. Syed, managing director of the Investment Advisory Center of Pakistan (IACP), will explain to the prospective investors the prospects of investment in at least 10 areas ide-

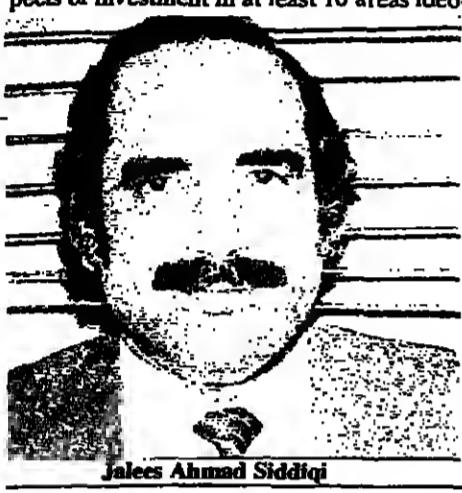
oied by the federation. The areas are: PVC project, based on the process of gas, along with its by-product having a capacity of 30,000 to 40,000 tons; pharmaceuticals; viscose rayon (petrochemical industry) with production of 30,000 tons to be based on imported pulp as against cotton lint; electronics; manufacture of tin plates; agricultural implements, especially barbessing equipment and rice replowing machines; coal tar fractionation plant; blast furnace slag and by-products; large diameter steel pipes; and fabrication of steel structures and steel mill spare parts.

Siddiqi said the project profiles have been prepared by IACP whose managing director is accompanying the delegation to furnish on-the-spot investment advice to the prospective investors.

The mission will invite the Saudi Arabian investors to the conference on petrochemical investment avenues in Pakistan, which the FPCCI proposes to hold toward the end of May at Karachi. It will also invite entrepreneurs to the conference being organized in cooperation with the IACP and with the technical assistance of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

While in Riyadh the Pakistan mission will hold discussions at the Hotel Minhal with officials of the Saudi Council of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the interested Saudi Arabian businessmen.

The delegation will be in Jeddah on Wednesday evening at the Hotel Hyatt Regency. It will call on the Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Ismail Abu Dawood, who is also the president of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Chamber officials on Thursday.



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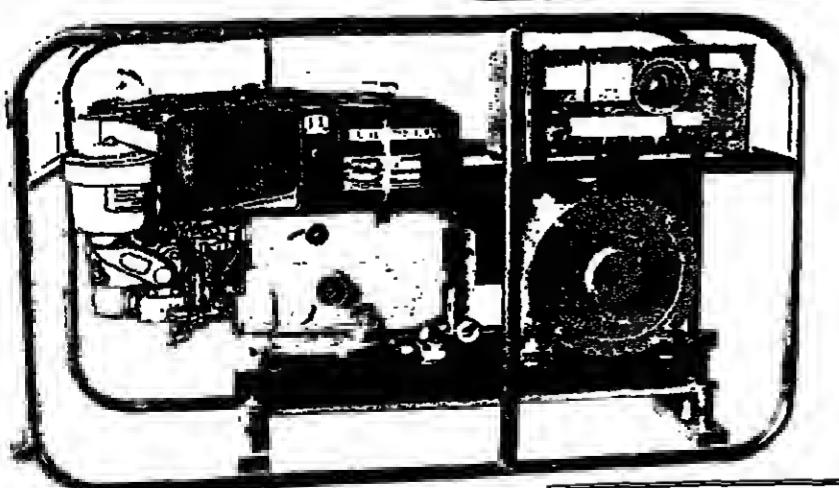
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QUIET BEACH: Shobha Beach, an area about 140 kilometers south of Jeddah, was recently leveled and barbecues installed to make it a pleasant area for day trips and camping. Even on Fridays this is a quiet beach offering unspoiled water. Future plans for a desalination plant could change this scene.

Major changes taking place

Some beaches improved, others disappear

By Dave Kaiser
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, April 12 — Sun-and-sand-fans are discovering upon their return to outdoor pursuits that Jeddah Municipality and several other departments have made improvements which will make their stay at the beach more comfortable.

In some areas, it is sad to note, however, that access to favored beach areas is now impossible, or plans are under way for projects which promise to eliminate previously unspoiled beach and underwater areas.

With the days and the water in the Red Sea and Obbok Creek warming up again, those venturing out for the first time, or the first time in a while, are finding a number of major changes.

A remarkable transition has taken place and is continuing along Jeddah's municipal beach from the end of Palestine Road north on the Corniche as far as the Al-Bilad Movenpick Hotel. This strip of beach has been converted into a resort area which is unrivaled anywhere else in the world.

In this entire area, hundreds of sculptures and art works have been put in place and now fine picnic areas with benches, barbecue grills and playground equipment make this area an ideal place to take the family.

As shoppers on their way to downtown Jeddah discovered months ago, work has begun on the south part of the North Corniche Road. Attendant changes have caused major traffic problems when approaching the downtown parking lot. This construction is anticipated to take about two years before the existing North Corniche is linked directly with downtown Jeddah. This particular project, however, promises to improve both the beach and downtown areas by creating more beach-front areas for development and at the same time cutting through the harbor catch-basin where stagnant water has accumulated for many years.

At the same time, most Jeddah beachfront areas are a little hard to get to on weekend nights due to traffic jams. The new road, when finished, is predicted to eliminate some of the bottlenecks which now exist on Palestine Road due to traffic attempting to make its way to the beach and downtown at the same time.

During daytime, even on Fridays, there is little problem with traffic. Daytime activities on the Corniche vary from active sports like snorkeling, scuba diving, boating and fishing, to less strenuous ones like watching other beachgoers or sunbathing. Several of the fishing areas, including the pier and rocky areas on the Red Sea coast have been newly refurbished to make this type of activity safe and fun.

Road conditions have also improved, it is now easy to drive to any part of the Corniche or to make the complete circle, without fear of getting stuck. Adequate parking is available throughout the beach during daylight hours and it only becomes little cramped after nightfall.

To Obbok Creek as well, faster access is now possible with the Madinah Road expressway completed all the way there.

For those who are more comfort-conscious, several of the beach-front hotels along the north end of the Corniche and on both sides of Obbok Creek offer special beach packages which vary from actual room accommodations on a 'half-day rate' to the use of tables located on the beach and provided with complete restaurant services. Each establishment has its own rates and types of facilities available, so the best thing to do if you are looking for something like this is ask when you are in the area. Don't give up if one place turns you down either, one hotel we visited once told us that no such services were available, while one next door said that not only were we welcome, such services were provided free as long as we ordered soft drinks or tea, and once that was ordered we

588,066 females
attend public schools

MAKKAH, April 12 — Female students of various educational levels at public schools in Saudi Arabia now total 588,066, Al-Nadwa reported Tuesday.

According to statistics issued in the form of a book by the Presidency for Girls Education, pupils at the primary stage alone number 378,161. There are also 94,473 students at the intermediate stage and 40,358 at the secondary school level.

Some 7,237 girls are enrolled in teachers training institutes and 1,081 at the intermediate colleges. Higher education students total 7,042.

At the adult education level, 54,164 students were surveyed. There are also 1,144 students at Qur'an memorization schools.

'Gourmets of Jeddah'
plan Saturday meeting

JEDDAH, April 12 — The 'Gourmets of Jeddah' will hold their second meeting here at the Red Sea Palace Hotel on Saturday evening when a business session will begin at 6:30 p.m., and a special spring-time menu will be presented at 8 p.m.

According to a club spokesman, there are now 55 charter members of the club with membership limited to 75. During the business meeting the club charter will be approved. The menu will include salmon steak and 'Saddle of Veal Spring-time.'



Malaysian trade group coming soon

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — A 23-member Malaysian trade delegation is expected to arrive in Dammam on April 19 for a four-day visit to the Kingdom. It is the second group to come from Malaysia this year and the first to visit the Eastern Province.

Abdul Rahim Mokti, Malaysian Embassy trade commissioner said that delegation members, represent 18 well-known companies. They will visit the Kingdom to promote a wide range of goods like timber, wooden furniture, clothes, canned food, soil conditioners, spare parts and vegetable oils.

"We are trying our best to boost our exports to this country which is our very important trading partner," Mokti said.

Last February the previous Malaysian delegation secured orders worth more than \$600,000 from local businesses and at the same time received many inquiries from other importers.

Saudi Cairo Bank opens Taif branch

By a Staff Writer

TAIF, April 12 — The 32nd branch of the Saudi Cairo Bank opened at Abu Bakr Street, near the Intercommercial District, here Tuesday.

Prince Saleh Abdulaziz Al Salem and other officials were present at the opening ceremony of the branch of the bank which is the third largest in the Kingdom with assets over SR322 million.

The branch is supposed to serve the summer tourism trade. Abdullah Dabbagh, chairman of the board of directors of the bank, said.

The bank, known as Bank of Cairo before it was Saudiized, has expanded from three branches three years ago to 32 branches today.

Gas stations told to repair meters

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — Gas stations here have been given one week to repair their meters that show simultaneously the amount of money requested for a corresponding quantity of fuel, Okaz reported Tuesday.

The Commerce Ministry recently confiscated a pump at a gas station here and fined the owner SR9,000 after ascertaining that the station indulged in fraud. The ministry, together with the Quality Control Laboratory, is conducting a comprehensive survey of gas stations in the city.

Muhammad Hussein Qarub, director of the ministry's branch here, said that meters will have to be repaired and maintained periodically so that they may always be functioning properly.

were welcomed to spend the whole afternoon.

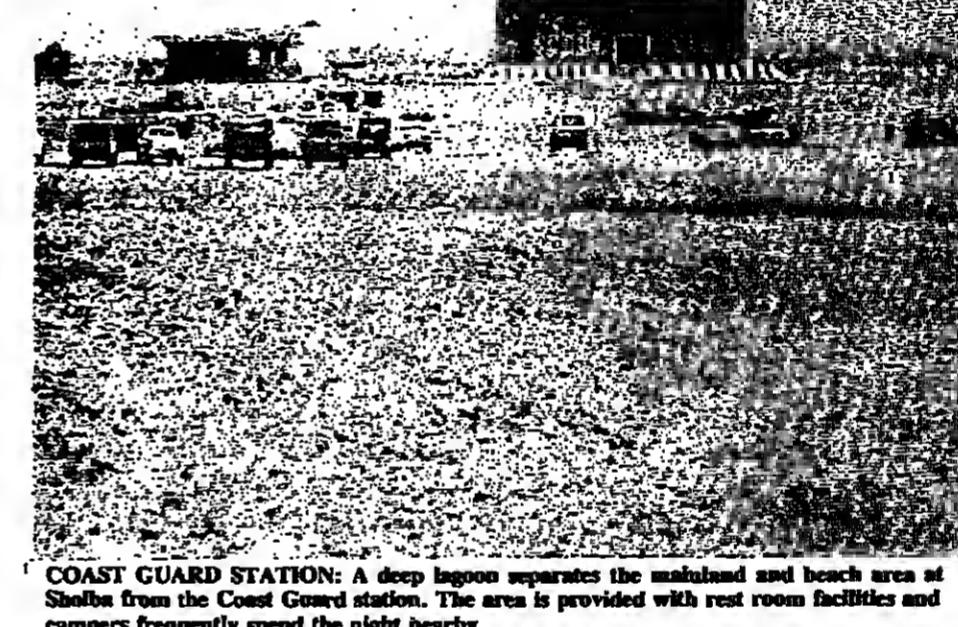
Like other fast-developing parts of Saudi Arabia, it is becoming more and more difficult to gain access to Obbok Creek with areas which were open to the public just a few months ago, now being available only if you know someone or pay a membership fee.

Even the entrance to Obbok Creek on the north side of the inlet has now been walled off and may soon be totally closed to the public. This used to be a good place for families to watch the pleasure boats entering the Red Sea and initiate safe snorkeling and scuba diving excursions. Swimmers and divers who used to relish this spot as a calm and safe haven are now forced on up the coast where it is a long walk to the reef and sudden changes in tide or weather can make it dangerous.

Even here, right on the Red Sea coast, beaches are becoming more and more walled off and it is becoming necessary to drive further and further north from Jeddah just to

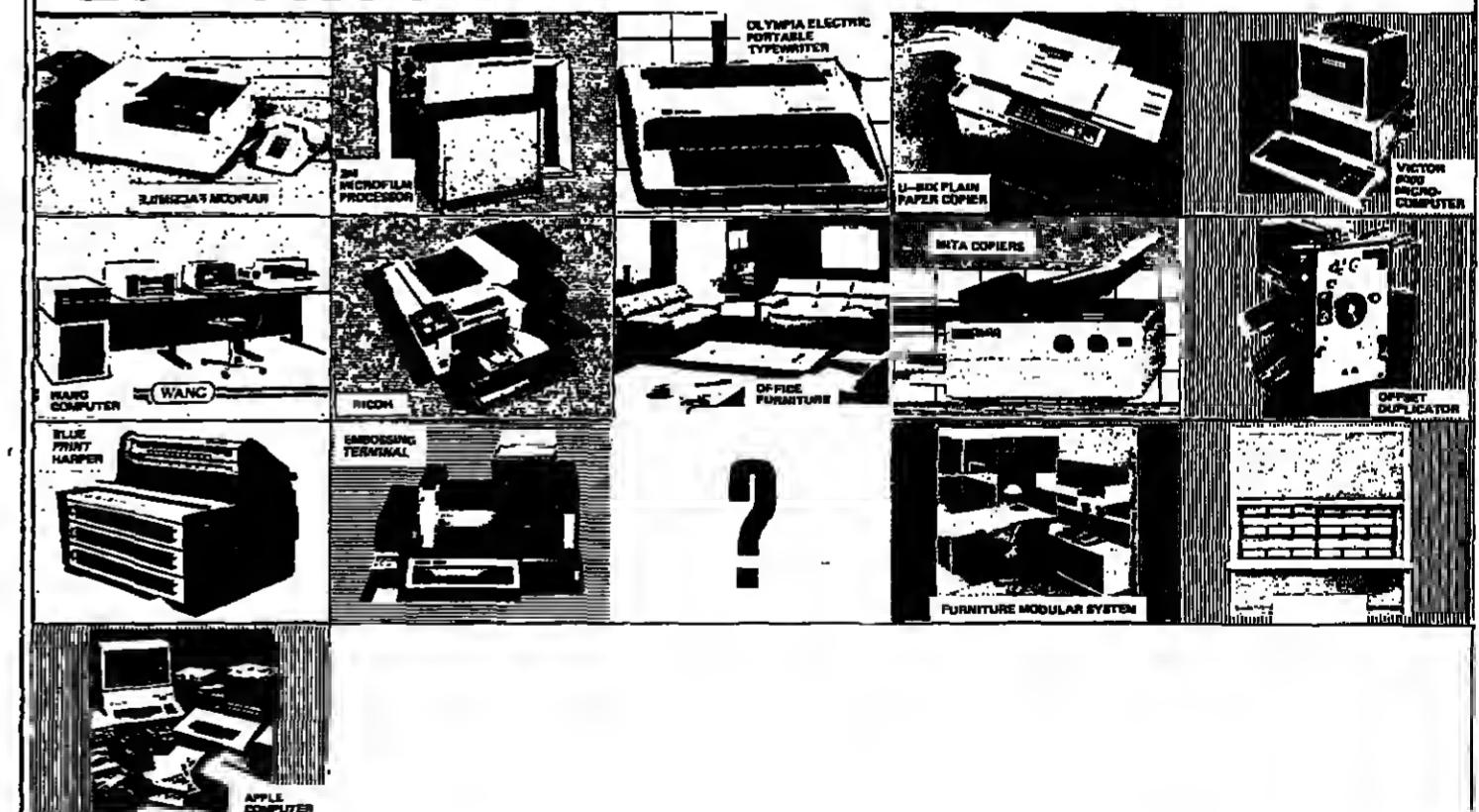
enjoy a quiet beach away from the traffic and a steady flow of people. When several beach-front developments now planned to the area get under way it looks like Jeddah beachfront where the public is welcome may be too far a drive to make it practical.

For those beach-lovers and campers who are willing to make a long drive, as we were recently, we were pleasantly surprised upon completing the 140-kilometer-plus drive to Shobha beach on the far southern coast between Jeddah and Jizan, that this beautiful and unspoiled area has been newly renovated for the upcoming season. The beach has been nicely graded and cast-iron barbecue grills added to make the spot, which is about five miles long, an ideal place for either a day out or overnight stay. This is one area which should be enjoyed now, work is scheduled soon on a new desalination and power plant and once it begins no doubt another unspoiled beach and underwater area will disappear into oblivion.



COAST GUARD STATION: A deep lagoon separates the mainland and beach area at Shobha from the Coast Guard station. The area is provided with rest room facilities and campers frequently spend the night nearby.

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Despite latest setback

America should double efforts for peace--Ghali

CAIRO, April 12 (AP) — The United States should "double its efforts" to gain confidence of moderate Arabs despite the setback in peace talks caused by the breakdown of Palestinian-Jordanian talks, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali says. Ghali also says no one should lose hope for reaching a peaceful settlement for the Middle East.

Ghali was quoted by the official Middle East News Agency in an early Tuesday dispatch from Washington where he will deliver a message from President Hosni Mubarak to President Reagan. The United States should "double its efforts to gain confidence of moderate factions in the Arab world in general, and the Palestinian people specifically," Ghali said.

Ghali said that Egypt feels Jordan's King Hussein still supports President Reagan's peace initiative, despite Hussein's decision Sunday to break off talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization on a joint strategy for Middle East peace talks based on the Reagan plan.

"We should not lose hope because of the recent situation (Hussein's decision)," Ghali said. "We did not lose hope before when Israel rejected President Reagan's plan."

Ghali said Israel should join in efforts to reach a permanent peace. He also said Israel should try building trust among the 1.5 million Palestinians on the West Bank and Gaza. He urged Arab countries to "concentrate their attention of the present possibilities and not let them slip away."

Meanwhile, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is currently visiting Pakistan, called on the Palestinian leadership to join Jordan in confronting Israel with the challenge of peace.

Speaking at a banquet hosted by President Zia ul-Haq in Islamabad Monday night, Mubarak, "strongly and firmly supported"

Coptic pope's replacement ordered

CAIRO, April 12 (Agencies) — An Egyptian court Tuesday ordered the Coptic church to choose a new leader to replace Pope Shenouda II, who was stripped of his powers and banished to a desert monastery by the late President Anwar Sadat. The court rejected pleas for reinstatement of Pope Shenouda and the lifting of his banishment to a desert monastery.

Pope Shenouda, 60, was accused by Sadat in September, 1981, of fomenting sectarian strife against Egypt's Muslims. The court decision seemed certain to provoke unrest among Egypt's Christian Coptic community, estimated to number about six million out of a total population of around 42 million.

The formal court ruling said the five-man council appointed to run the Coptic church in Pope Shenouda's absence was now dissolved. The court also announced that all other requests by Pope Shenouda's lawyers had been rejected.

the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and the liberation of their lands. However, to achieve their object, he called upon the Palestinian leadership to "respond to the current peace efforts and coordinate activities with Jordan to confront Israel with the challenge of peace."

The Palestinian leadership should "seize the golden opportunity" to make tangible and concrete progress before it loses its impetus and turns into a lost opportunity, the Egyptian leader said.

In an apparent reference to the much criticized Camp David accord his country signed in 1979 granting recognition to the Israeli state, Mubarak said "our perspective of solidarity among the different parts of Muslim ummah (nation) is based on fruitfulness with ourselves as well as with others."

Egypt's policy, he said, was an "honest reflection" of living reality. "The events we live in and the policy we adopt should reflect no gap between the declared attitude and those followed behind the scenes," he added.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Monday the United States is bound to fail again if it tries to revive efforts to bring Jordan into peace talks under the Reagan plan. Shamir said the American notion of winning broad Arab support for Hussein to negotiate with Israel "sounds nice, but it is fantasy, unrealistic and it cannot happen."

Although Israel had rejected the Reagan plan, Shamir said Israel felt no victory in its failure. He said Israel appreciated the U.S. attempt to find a peaceful solution, though it disagreed with the contents of the Reagan plan.

Shamir repeated Israel's long-held policy that the only way to reach peace was on the Egyptian model. He again called on Jordan to join talks with Egypt and Israel on the plan for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip "without preconditions."

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The Palestinian leadership should "seize the golden opportunity" to make tangible and concrete progress before it loses its impetus and turns into a lost opportunity, the Egyptian leader said.

In an apparent reference to the much criticized Camp David accord his country signed in 1979 granting recognition to the Israeli state, Mubarak said "our perspective of solidarity among the different parts of Muslim ummah (nation) is based on fruitfulness with ourselves as well as with others."

Egypt's policy, he said, was an "honest reflection" of living reality. "The events we live in and the policy we adopt should reflect no gap between the declared attitude and those followed behind the scenes," he added.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Monday the United States is bound to fail again if it tries to revive efforts to bring Jordan into peace talks under the Reagan plan. Shamir said the American notion of winning broad Arab support for Hussein to negotiate with Israel "sounds nice, but it is fantasy, unrealistic and it cannot happen."

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Common Market calls for solving Mideast crisis

HAMBURG, West Germany, April 12 (AP) — The Common Market opened its first conference with the Arab League by voicing "great concern" that the Middle East will explode into major warfare.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher told more than 100 delegates from 31 states Monday that Europe fears that "several different conflicts are threatening to fuse together."

Since the neighboring regions rely on one another, "your peace is also our peace," added Genscher, the current president of the Common Market Council of Foreign Ministers.

Genscher expressed the hope that "courageous steps" will be taken toward "concrete peace negotiations."

The opening statement by Arab League General Secretary Chedli Klibi urged Europe to wield its influence over the United States to make Washington pressure Israel into taking a "responsible" position. Klibi said Europe must also develop a "dynamic" and "firm" stance to facilitate a settlement in the strife-torn region.

Genscher also met privately with Klibi to discuss progress on Middle East peace talks, withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon and the sovereignty issue, according to a government statement issued in Bonn.

Bomb defused outside AFP office in Beirut

VOLT, Lebanon, April 12 (AP) — Lebanese explosive experts defused Tuesday a bomb placed in a traveling bag on the third floor of the French news agency, AFP.

The brown bag laden with 20 kilograms of TNT was found at 7 a.m. (0500GMT) local time by the first incoming AFP employee. It was timed to go off at 7:30 (0530GMT), according to Lebanese AFP reporter Henri Maamar-Bashi.

The AFP offices are on the third floor of the six-story Najar Building in the Samaya district. Radio France and the French Television also have offices in the same building.

Maamar-Bashi said the traveling bag "was big enough to contain 20 kilograms of TNT, made up of nine sticks." He said the bag was "probably placed outside the door after midnight when the last AFP staffer left the office."

This was the third time the French news agency has been the target of a bomb attack in a year. Last July, a car bomb outside the building killed four persons and injured several others, causing material damage. In April 1982, the AFP offices were extensively damaged when a bomb placed outside its door went off. No one was hurt.

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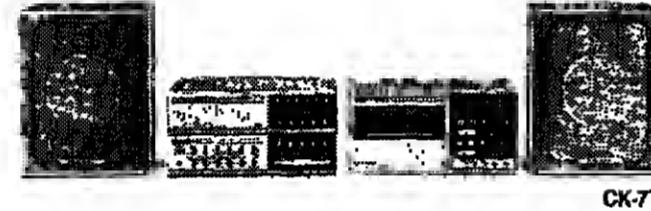
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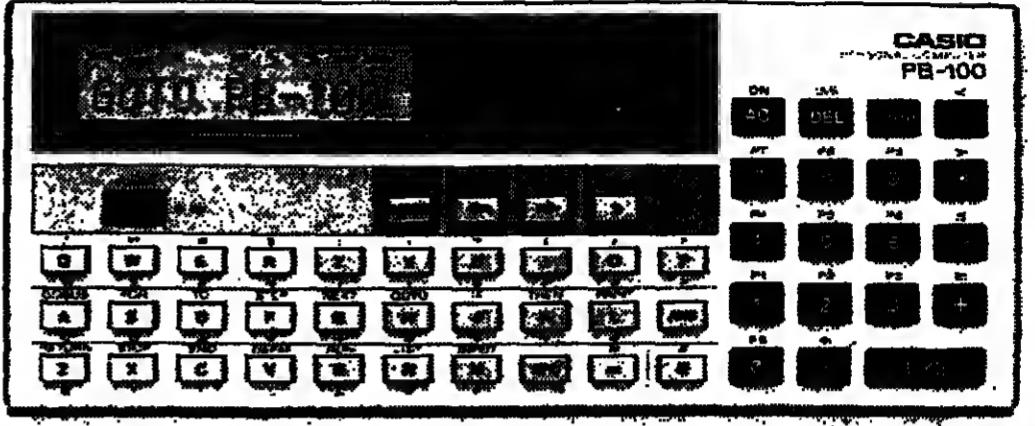
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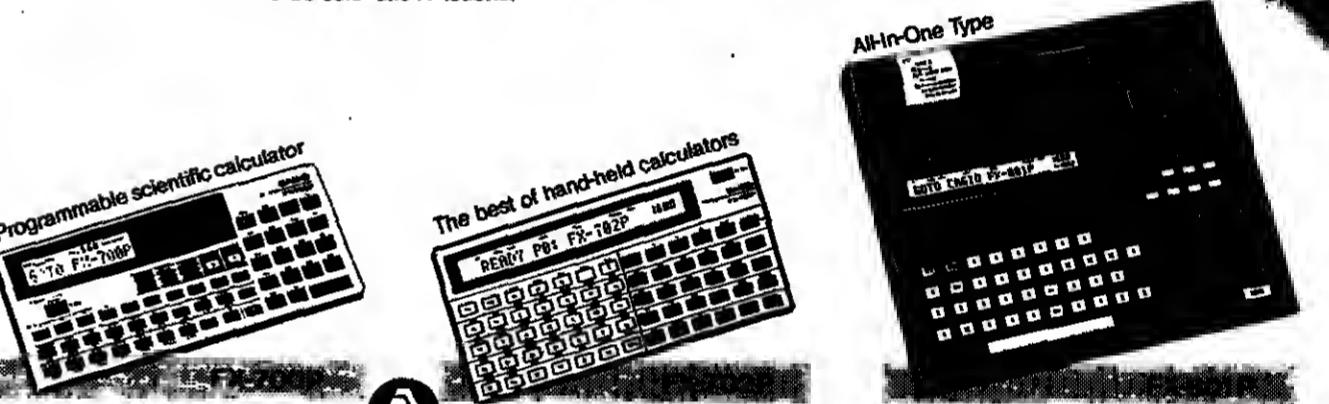
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Dodgers dodge past slumping Astros

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — The Houston Astros, off to the worst start in the 22-year history of the franchise, have dropped their first seven games, the latest an 11-inning 4-3 heartbreaker Monday night to Los Angeles.

The Chicago Cubs also have dropped six in-a-row without a victory, their latest a 5-1 decision Monday in Cincinnati. In the only other National League game, Atlanta blanked San Diego 4-0.

Bob Knepper was two outs away from his—and Houston's—first victory of the year. Then Steve Sax tied it 3-3 with a liner through the box.

"Going into the ninth I didn't feel that strong," said Knepper. "I made two bad pitches, to Thomas, and Marshall. If Marshall's hit is an inch lower, the game is over. Doran catches it. Sax hit a good pitch. The ball came right at me. It caught me flat-footed. I couldn't get off the ground to get it."

"I'm generally happy with my pitching," Knepper added. "But I'm not overjoyed we lost again."

In the American League, the Kansas City

Royals probably proved last year that Dennis Leonard is crucial to any hopes they might have of winning the AL West championship. Last May the hard-throwing veteran broke two fingers, stopping a line smash with his

Positions

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST DIVISION				Chicago	0	6	.000	5%	
Pittsburgh	5	0	1.000	—	Cincinnati	5	1	.833	—
Montreal	4	1	.800	1	Atlanta	5	1	.833	—
New York	2	1	.667	2	Los Angeles	4	2	.667	1
St. Louis	1	1	.500	2½	San Diego	2	4	.333	3
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	3	San Francisco	1	4	.250	3½
					Houston	0	7	.000	5%

pitching hand. The Royals spent the rest of the season in a futile duel with California. Leonard missed 16 starts and the Angels won the flag, finishing three games ahead of the Royals.

But after Monday night's six strikeouts in a 6-2 victory over Boston, Leonard and manager Dick Howser were resting a lot easier. "Leonard threw the ball as well as he can tonight," said Howser. "He had as good a fastball as he is going to have. I have been

very impressed with the way he's thrown four of his last five times. He was mixing his pitches very well."

In Monday night's only other AL game, the California Angels defeated the Seattle

Mariners 6-1.

Leonard's six strikeouts included the heart of the Boston order in the third—Dwight Evans, Jim Rice and Tony Armas. An inside-the-park home run and a fielding gem by shortstop U. L. Washington helped Leonard beat the Red Sox. With the score tied at 2-2 in the fifth, Washington ripped a pitch from Bruce Hurst, 0-1, into the left-field corner that eluded Rice. It gave the Royals a 3-2 lead.

"When I get into groove and find my rhythm, my confidence level goes way up," John said. "I have confidence in throwing some pitches I might not throw were I struggling... when I'm throwing well, I keep the ball down and hope the fielders behind me can come up with the good plays—which they've now done in two games for me."

Red Sox manager Ralph Houk said Hurst performed better than the score would indicate. "I thought Hurst pitched good enough to win," he said. "He just didn't get too many breaks. Leonard is a good pitcher, one of the best in the league."

Angels 6, Mariners 1: Tim Foli drove in four runs for California with a pair of singles and left-hander Tommy John scattered seven hits for his second complete game in two starts. Bobby Grich went 4-for-4 for the Angels.

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Meridien Vets blast Killer Bees

By Nacho Nedzi-Apache

JEDDAH, April 12 — It appears that the worm may have turned in the Jeddah Softball League. Earlier in the year, the Killer Bees were eking out victories over the Al Salam Meridien Vets. However, with the 10 to 6 blasting the Vets laid on the Bees, it looks as though a new day has dawned. The timing could not be better as the "A" Division playoffs will be starting in the very near future.

The Meridien Vet hitting was ferocious, totaling 20 hits in all. Pitcher Jim Heart came out of a long slump going 3 for 4 with two doubles off the wall driving in a number of runs. His re-found swing was attributed to a day long seminar in the desert with Bob Hovey, his batting coach. Pete Barnes hit another monster home run while Manager Jack Graham, Jerry Wolters and Fran Conte all hit above the .500 mark. Graham provided some fireworks displays with his infielding, including a number of double plays in conjunction with Bob Hovey at second and Jerry "Big Time" Wolters at first.

The game ended on a typical Vet play for the night. Outfielder Fran Conte fielded a shot to his area and immediately rifled it to short stop Jack Graham who in turn threw a rocket to catcher Rollin Copeland who had home plate totally blocked. Roger Stalling, Bee standout, was tagged for the third and final out of the game as he tried to steal home against Rollin. Roger's teammates carried him from the field in what appeared to be a cataclysmic state of shock, which quickly wore off.

Other "A" Division games saw Lockheed I, earlier in the week, lose to the Killer Bees, 6-0, followed by a Lockheed I victory over the choice cuts from U. S. Beef, 5-3.

In the "B" Division, Ms. Richards, strident Lockheed II fan, was seen to be red from ear to ear and totally upset at the latest Lockheed goings on. Starting into the seventh, inning, Lockheed II and Whittaker were tied 2-2. In the top of the seventh the game-killers from Whittaker scored 10 runs!!! They went on to win it 12-3. The end of the season must be looking better to the Lockheed II team all the time.

Elsewhere it boiled down to this; Raytheon ADI won three as they kicked sand in the face of KAIA, 11-4, then returned to win a real biggie against the street fighters from Pan

Am, 6-5. I look to Pan Am to create real havoc in the playoffs. Later, ADI came back for fun as they tiptoed through the tulips of the Bendix team, 22-5. Pan Am took a 7-0 forfeit from the Jimmy Williams' clones of Sogex on a forfeit; next they struggled to an 8-6 victory over Bendix of flower fame, KAIA, after losing to ADI, won a wonder against playoff bound Parsons Daniel, 10-7. They also lost one to playoff bound Mobil, 13-8. As a matter of fact, Mobil won three this week, however, the cost was very, very high as they lost their star left fielder, George Liddy, to a serious knee injury. George will miss the rest of the season. Mobil also beat Parsons Daniel, 10-7 and nearly took ICAO out of things by downing them, 19-12. MOPCI gave up again this week as they were forced to both PCS and Raytheon R&R by the required score of 7-0. ICAO beat Whittaker 13-5 but lost to the Corp of Engineers, 9-8.

In the Wadi Division, Hyatt Touch of Class beat Whittaker with a very big sick, 26-0, but lost a real clothes tearing fight against the Corp of Engineers (W), 4-3. Jack Lee Martin was "all eyes" taking in this example of a well played ball game. The Corp (W), earlier in the week, dropped an important game to Mobil (W), 5-3. They followed up the next

English bosses

COVENTRY, England, April 12 (Agencies) — Soccer can talk its way out of its current crisis, bosses of England's first and second Division clubs were told at a six-hour private meeting here Monday.

Chairmen of nearly half the 44 clubs accepted the invitation of Coventry chairman and television commentator Jimmy Hill to get together to discuss the cash flow shortage affecting most clubs.

Hill said afterward that several good ideas had been unearthed which he thought would be worth considering at the next official meeting, which will be held at Chelsea on April 26.

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For third American crown

Ballesteros masters one & all

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 12 (AP) — Seve Ballesteros, bolstered by a birdie-eagle start, took advantage of Tom Watson's putting problems and scored a four-stroke victory Monday in the day-late windup of the 47th Masters Golf Tournament.

Ballesteros, a 26-year-old Spaniard who twice has declined credentials to play on the American PGA tour, acquired his third title in golf's big four events with a final round 69 and a 280 total, eight strokes under par on the still-wet Augusta National Golf Club Course.

Ballesteros, winner of the 1979 British Open and the 1980 Masters, took command immediately on the warm, windy day with an approach shot to six feet (1.8m) for a fist-bore birdie and followed with a wood-club second shot to 10 feet (3m) for an eagle-three on the long No. 2 hole.

That put him in front. And he was in front to stay, his playing partner, Watson, once got close with a long putt — perhaps 35 or 40 feet (10 or 12 m) — for an eagle on the eighth. That cut Ballesteros' lead to two strokes.

But Watson, twice a Masters winner and the 1982 U.S. and British Open champion, suddenly fell victim to problems that were, for him, extremely unusual. His putting touch, among the best in golf, deserted him. He three-putted three times in a row.

And Ballesteros was home safe. He capped his round on the 18th hole with a par-saving chip from the fringe of the green. Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite tied for second at 284. Kite's birdie-birdie finish gave him a closing round of 69. Crenshaw made eagle-3 on the 13th on his way to a 68, the best round of the day.

Watson, player of the year five of the last six seasons, finished with a 73 and was at 285, five strokes back. Floyd, the current PGA

titleholder who started the final round in a tie for the lead with Craig Stadler, lost six shots to Ballesteros over the first six holes and simply couldn't overcome the deficit. He had a 75 and tied with Watson at 76.

Hale Irwin, twice a U.S. Open winner, and Stadler, the defending Masters champion, were next at 286. Stadler, the game's leading money-winner last year, stumbled to a 76.

The only others in the field able to break par were Dan Pohl, a playoff loser to Stadler here a year ago, and Lanny Wadkins, a winner last week in Greensboro. They were at 287. Each had a final round 71.

Lee Trevino, who needs only this elusive title to become the fifth man in history to make a career sweep of the Grand Slam events, struggled to a closing 77 and a 292 total. Arnold Palmer, the 53-year-old Master who had a first round 68, shot 78 and finished at 296.

I had a good chance after eight, but the three-putts put me too far behind," said Watson, the only man in the field who had any legitimate chance of overtaking Ballesteros. "Then," he said, "I hit a bad wedge at 14 (which resulted in a double bogey-6) and that sealed the coffin."

Ballesteros, Watson said, "Is an aggressive, flamboyant type of player. He's an Arnold Palmer type player. When he's playing well, he can shoot lights out."

Ballesteros, winner of three European titles last year, got off to a brilliant start and made it look easy after that. Watson's eagle on the eighth was the only real challenge. And that ended in a hurry.

Ballesteros engineered a two-stroke swing on the next hole and wasn't really troubled again. He birdied from about 15-18 feet (4.5 to 5.4 m) and Watson three-putted. Balle-

steros bogeyed the 10th and 12th, but everyone else was having difficulties so it didn't really matter. And Ballesteros went on to win his third American title.

Meanwhile, Russ Cochran of Paducah, Kentucky, fired a blistering 63 Monday to tie the course record and jump from 13th place to the championship of the Magnolia Classic Golf Tournament, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Cochran, in his first year on the PGA tour, turned in a seven-under-par 203 total in the rain-plagued tournament held at the 6,700-yard Hattiesburg Country Club Course, and took the \$27,000 first prize money.

Sammy Rachels had a five-under-par 205 to finish second. He shot an even-par 70 Monday, and went away with the \$15,600 second place check. Finishing third were four golfers tied at 207, including Jim Dent, who had led the first two rounds of the tournament. He skidded to a 74 Monday to fall out of contention. Others tied for third were Bob Gardner, Clyde Rego and Frank Connors. They shared \$7,250 each.

Seventh place went to Jim Thorpe at 208, with a 72 in Monday's round. Cochran said he just tried to play at an even pace. "It was my best round in a long time, probably the best ever with this much at stake." The 24-year-old golfer said the \$27,000 would come in handy, and his wife, who is expecting, gave hearty concurrence.

Rachels said he had the feeling no one in his group wanted to win, and he added "Cochran just shot too low." Rachels also blamed the slow course for some of the problems. Hattiesburg was hit by rain and flash flooding last week and the first four days of the tournament were washed out, including the two days of Pro-Am play.



IN ECSTASY: Seve Ballesteros hugs his caddy on the 18th green after clinching the Masters Golf Championship title in Augusta, Georgia, Monday. The Spanish golfer shot an eight-under-par 69 in the final round.



Amritraj gets the best out of McEnroe in exhibition clash

HONG KONG, April 12 (Agencies) — John McEnroe of the United States beat India's Vijay Amritraj 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 in an exhibition tennis match here Monday night.

McEnroe, 24, looked set for an easy victory when he went 4-0 up in the first set. However, Amritraj, 29, won the fifth and seventh games before McEnroe took the set 6-2. But the second set saw keen competition.

McEnroe used a repertoire of long drives from the base and deftly executed lobs and drop shots, moved into a 3-1 lead.

Amritraj, who until then had been playing statically, captured the next four games and finally wrapped up the set 6-3 with a cross-court cut that left his opponent standing.

However McEnroe took firm control of the next set and was hardly threatened by the Indian as he cruised to 6-1 victory.

In the Golden Racket tournament in France, Pat Cash of Australia and Joachim Nystrom of Sweden scored easy victories over Jose Garcia and Albert Tous of Spain. Cash won 7-6, 6-2 while Nystrom registered a 6-1, 6-3 triumph.

In other matches, Jairo Velasco of Colombia beat Guy Forget of France 7-5, 6-2 and Sergio Casas of Spain beat Italian Claudio Panatta 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Ivan Lendl remains on top of the latest computer rankings, published by the Association of Tennis Professionals. Sweden's Mats Wilander, who heads the Grand Prix chart after his recent victories in Monte Carlo and Lisbon, has climbed to sixth place in the ATP list, pushing America's Gene Mayer down to sixth.

The standings: 1. Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia); 2. Jimmy Connors (US); 3. John McEnroe (US); 4. Guillermo Vilas (Argentina); 5. Mats Wilander (Sweden); 6. Gene Mayer (US); 7. Jose Luis Clerc (Argentina);

By Jean Grant
Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, April 12 — The Kingdom's top four tennis players will compete April 14-15 in a Davis Cup-type tournament at the UPM Recreation Center.

The exhibition will decide whether the

Americans, represented by Richard Barrett and Ben Borth, or the Filipinos, with Rene Abastillas and Mauricio Bubia, are the Kingdom's best. The tournament features four singles games and a final deciding doubles.

The singles begin at 2 p.m. Thursday when Barrett meets Abastillas. Barrett, who was on the professional circuit in the U.S. romped away with this year's Kingdomwide Invitational in November. Abastillas this year won the Jeddah Open Tennis Tournament and the JVC-sponsor Tournament as well as placing first in last year's Kingdomwide event.

The second match on Thursday begins at

3:30 p.m. as Ben Borth faces Mauricio Bubia. Both are fresh from recent victories. Bubia won the Khobar Open, while Borth defeated him in the Feb. 25 Men's Doubles at Ras Tanura. Bubia, a daring, aggressive player, had represented his country, the Philippines, in the Davis Cup against Thailand.

Play recommences on Friday at 8:30 with Barrett and Bubia facing one another first with Borth and Abastillas squaring up in the next singles in what could prove a crucial clash.

The highlight of the tournament will be the deciding doubles on Friday at 2 p.m. when the pairs pit their skill against each other. Day and Zimmerman Company are donating prizes of \$1,500 to the winners and \$500 as consolation prizes. The tournament is open to the public and tickets at SR 20 are on sale at the entrance to the UPM Recreation Center.

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English XI grabs the 'Ashes'

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, April 12 — The smoldering 'Ashes' were rekindled with fired-up enthusiasm by the Britons and the Aussies in the city at the Jeddah Oval recently. The English XI got their own back in the yearly cricket contest, winning only for the second time in seven years, with a four-wicket victory over an Australian XI.

The cold determination of the Englishmen was evident when they strolled into the ground, while the Australians were ringing in last-minute changes to the side. The veteran Aussies were sidelined and this in the end may have cost them dear.

The Aussies, after winning the toss, opted to make the first use of the wicket. Viet and Greening farmed the accurate seam attack of Ward, Peacock and Mellish to provide the Aussies with a start from which they could have launched off. But the Australians failed to cash in on the fine start and slumped to 75 for six.

The initial breakthrough was provided by Amin, who crashed through Greening's defense with the individual tally on 12 and the total 25. Lacy joined forces with Viet and took the total to 75 before falling for 20 well-made runs. Viet had earlier gone at the total of 37. Lacy paid for a moment of indiscretion, stepping out to Hawken, as Morris whipped off the balls in a flash.

Lacy's exit heralded a slide, caused by Rolliston, and the Aussies were reeling at 75 for six. But all was not lost for the Aussies. Peter Daly, a school lad took it upon his tender shoulders the burden of pushing his side's total past the 75-mark, taking it to 84 before the Australians ran out of overs.

The Englishmen were also provided a fine start with Bryson and Agar sharing 23 runs in the six overs they faced before speed elicited a snick of Agar. Bryson, however, soon followed Agar to the pavilion with brisk 22, caught by Wolf off Alexander. Bryson bad left the eight other Englishmen the task of scoring just half the Australian total.

But the Indians batted a second time, Gackwad opened with several fluent strokes but was then caught close on the legside off the opening partner Arun Lal was caught by wicketkeeper Worrell off leg spinner George Linton for 31, leaving the Indians with an almost impossible task on the final day.

Greenidge's double ton puts Barbados in command

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, April 12 (AP) — Barbados, with captain Gordon Greenidge contributing an inning of 237, built up a commanding position at the end of the third day of a four-day match against the Indian cricket team Monday in Bridgetown.

Guided by Greenidge's Herculean effort which lasted over eight and a quarter hours, Barbados compiled a huge 542 in reply to the Indians' first inning total of 246, a lead of 296. Then, in the final hour and three quarters, they removed two Indian wickets for 108 in their second inning.

Barbados has beaten the last three Indian teams touring the Caribbean and, with a fully day left, is likely to repeat that performance. They were already on top when play started with their total 308 for four. Even though the big fifth-wicket partnership between Greenidge and all-rounder George Linton, established with authority on the second day, ended early, Barbados did not let its position slip.

Linton added only three to his overnight 63 before medium pacer Madan Lal had him caught by wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani after he and Greenidge had added 196. Wicket-keeper Michael Worrell, in his debut first-class match, then gave Greenidge the support needed to see to it that Barbados consolidated its position of strength.

The home team put on a further 112 for 41, caught off left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri. And Greenidge's marathon inning also ended soon after with a slip catch off Anshuman Gaekwad. The tailenders enjoyed themselves in a flurry of furious hitting to further boost the score.

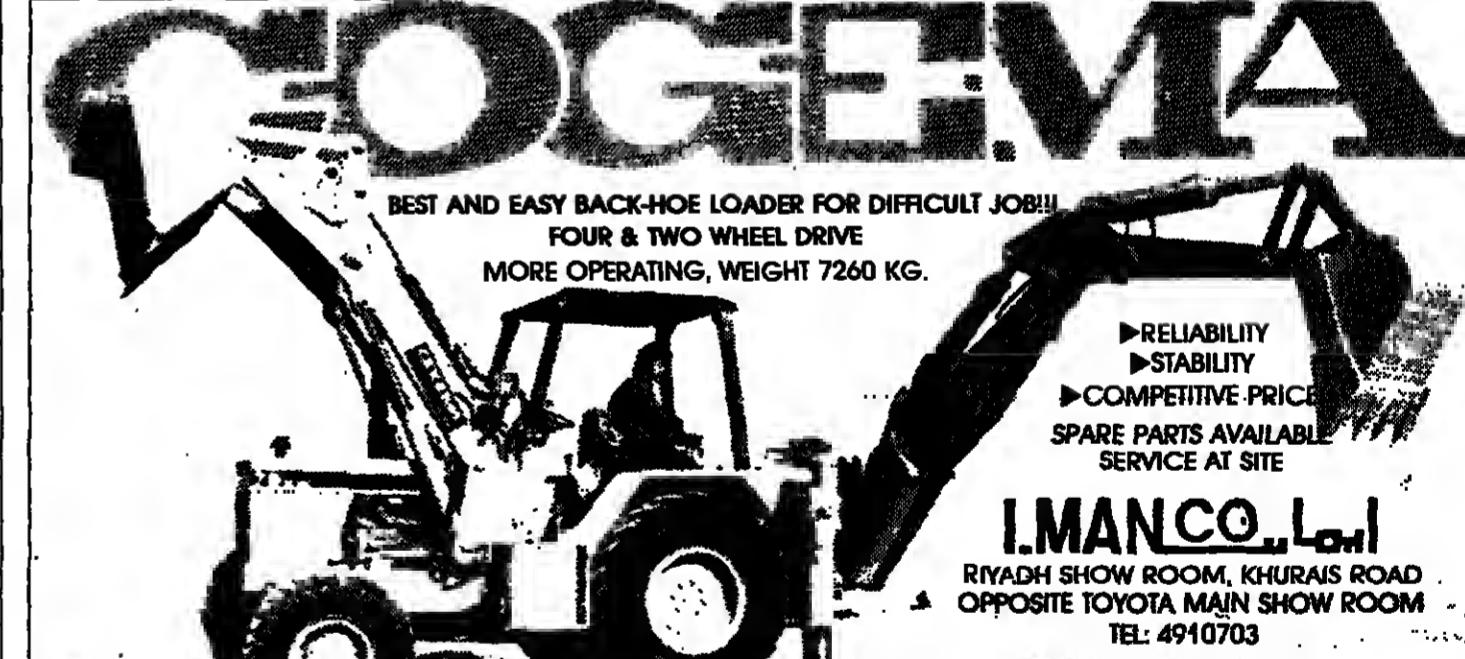
Greenidge's highest score in ten seasons of cricket in the West Indies included three sixes and 22 fours and was a warning for the Indians with the fourth Test against the West Indies starting here Friday.

Once Greenidge was out, fast bowlers Neil Phillips, with three huge sixes and four fours in his 51, Roddy Estwick, Joel Garner and Hartley Alleyne attacked the tiring bowlers to add 72 in 30 minutes.

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Final scores:

India 246 and 108 for two (A. Gaekwad 28, Arun Lal 31, A. Malhotra 36 not out) versus Barbados (542 (G. Greenidge 237, G. Reifer 32, G. Linton 66, M. Worrell 41, N. Phillips 51; Madan Lal 2 for 71; Sivaramakrishnan 3 for 121; Gaekwad 2 for 94).



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SARTAWI'S MARTYRDOM

Yasser Arafat has blamed the Israelis for Issam Sartawi's murder while attending a Socialist International meeting in Portugal last Sunday. The group led by Palestinian renegade, Sabri al-Banna, who has been condemned to death in absentia by the PLO and who operates under the code name of Abu Nidal, say they were responsible for the murder. There is the added complication that Abu Nidal operates both out of Damascus (from whence came the assassination claim) and Baghdad. So who was it — Abu Nidal or the Israelis?

This is probably going to be another of those unsolved mysteries. But there are growing reports that Abu Nidal's group has been infiltrated by Mossad. Normally one ought to treat such reports with a good deal of skepticism, but there is the awkward fact that almost every time Abu Nidal swings into deadly action, the only people who benefit are the Israelis.

Issam Sartawi heads a long list of murdered Palestinian moderates such as Said Hammami and Naim Khader (PLO representatives respectively in London and Brussels) whose deaths have been laid at Abu Nidal's door. Like Issam Sartawi, Said Hammami and Naim Khader were men of moderation. Because of it, they were able to open the eyes of people in the West to the injustices that the Palestinians have suffered and continue to suffer. Because of it, they became a danger to Israel, which desperately needs to push the line that all Palestinians are dangerous terrorists. Any suggestion that the Palestinians are willing to moderate their stance has to be eliminated. It might mean that it too is asked to compromise which it is not prepared to do.

Sartawi's problem was that he was too successful an advocate of peace. Perhaps even more so than Hammami and Khader, he was able to shift opinions in the West about the Middle East conflict; he was respected and honored in London, Paris, Bonn and elsewhere in Europe, as can be seen from the eulogies that have poured forth in the press in those places. The Israelis must be feeling relieved that so dangerous an opponent has been removed.

But they would do well to remain on their guard. It was a tragic irony that Sartawi should have been assassinated on the very day that Reagan's peace initiative received such a body blow from King Hussein, but it should not be seen as symbolic. The cause of moderation which Sartawi came to epitomize, at least in Western eyes, will find other advocates as forceful. The cause he truly supported, Palestinian freedom, is too strong to be crippled and intimidated by terror, by Israel or their agents. His martyrdom will not go in vain.

DR. MUSA'S DISCOVERY

The discovery of a new cure for diabetes by Dr. Jaber Salim Musa signals a new era of development for Saudi Arabia in which all of the well-planned investments in education and in medical, scientific and technological equipment are beginning to pay off.

Let no one overshadow Dr. Musa, who deserves full credit for his discovery. He is a Saudi Arabian doctor whose training and hard work enabled him to develop his 'Saudi' medicine within record time and at a juncture when competition in his chosen field had reached a very refined stage. The odds were in favor of some other research teams beating Dr. Musa to his discovery first, but he persevered and led the field.

This achievement, in turn, promises to provide the much-needed incentive to numerous other national doctors and researchers who are now working with the finest education available and the most sophisticated laboratory and research equipment.

Now that many of these Saudi Arabian specialists have completed their training, they are returning to the Kingdom and finding that all their needs have already been thought of, elaborate facilities containing the latest equipment provided and their position within such institutions assured.

Dr. Musa has now provided the final ingredient for their success, and as one successful discovery leads to another, the Kingdom is now assured of its position in the annals of the world as a benevolent state which had the farsightedness to plan ahead and prepare for the ultimate success not only of its own citizens, but of the whole of mankind. The door has been opened, a bright future can easily be predicted because all of the preparations were made far in advance.

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Soviet relations with Western powers at lowest ebb

By Mark Weis

MOSCOW — With U.S.-Soviet relations at rock bottom, the Kremlin faces a simultaneously icy freeze in its contacts with other major Western nations.

France's expulsion of 47 Soviet diplomats and officials on espionage charges last week dashed Moscow's only hope of cultivating a friend among the non-Communist powers in Europe. There were signs earlier that Soviet leaders still believed President Francois Mitterrand would revive the special relationship with Moscow nurtured by his predecessors. That hope has now evaporated and Moscow must reconcile itself to an attitude of hardening suspicion or hostility from all the leading industrialized countries. Western diplomats say.

The atmosphere between the Soviet Union and the United States is probably at its frostiest since the Cuba missile crisis led to a major confrontation 21 years ago. Since President Reagan took office two years ago both sides have become embroiled in bitter ideological denunciations and angry and emotional exchanges on the nuclear arms issue.

Showing how far relations have deteriorated, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov called Reagan a liar in an interview last month, the first time a Communist Party chief had made such a personal attack on an American president since the 1960s. Some Western analysts believe Moscow has now given up hope of activating any kind of dialogue with Washington while Reagan is in power, but there have been hints Andropov would still like to hold a summit in hopes of some improvement.

With Japan, relations have plunged to a record

low, and no big results were expected from talks in Tokyo this week. Already irritated by increasingly insistent Japanese claims for the return of four islands seized after World War II, Moscow has been deeply angered by Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's pledges to build up defenses. Soviet leaders long looked at the independently minded presidents of France as friends. They also came in recent years to value the West Germans as people who seemed happiest when mediating between Moscow and Washington.

And despite Mitterrand's coolness, the Soviet media continued to avoid any serious criticism of France, in evident anticipation of a change of heart by the French leader. Immediately after last week's expulsions that policy was revoked and attack started. Alleged intelligence activities of Soviet officials have also marred relations with Italy, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden.

Western diplomats say inept Soviet policies must carry a large share of the blame for the current tension. Open Soviet backing for the electoral opponents of both Mitterrand and Kohl was shortsighted and bound to leave both men with a bitter taste, the diplomats said. Moscow had also been tactless to threaten Japan with a holocaust worse than the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima if it allowed a buildup of U.S. weapons on its territory.

Finally, the Soviet Union was evidently getting reckless in its espionage activities and could not be surprised if Western countries reacted vigorously, the diplomats said.

Although political relations are bad, there are no signs that trade with the West is suffering. Moscow-based commercial attachés say they do not expect any deterioration. There is also no evidence that Andropov is in any hurry to mend the damage. Instead, there are indications he may prefer to concentrate on building links with China and the Third World. The Peking connection is indeed one of two notable successes in the past few months. Two rounds of talks with the Chinese produced a warmer climate while Sino-American ties deteriorated. For the first time in more than a decade relations between Peking and Moscow are better than those between Peking and Washington.

The second success has been in the Middle East, where the Soviet Union has patched up its differences with Egypt and the two countries are on the verge of normalizing relations. Egypt's hostility 10 years ago excluded the Russians from a significant role in the Middle East, and a return to good relations with Cairo could herald a revival of their influence in the region at a time when U.S. peace moves have faltered. (R)

Falkland defeat paving way for civilian rule in Argentina

By Andrew Graham-Yooll

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A tribute to Mayor Farsi's drive, Abdul Wahed Wakil's genius

Jeddah captures the soul of contemporary Islamic architecture

By Haroon Sugich

JEDDAH — The transformation of Jeddah from "The Bride of the Red Sea" the ancient, blessed gateway to Makkah and "the romantic stage-setting" described by Lawrence into the sprawling international port city it has become in the short span of 10 years has been shattering and traumatic for those who have witnessed the upheavals of its growth. And yet, from the dust of what at first appeared to be an orgy of speculative destruction, there is arising what may well become the most fascinating cultural experiment in recent history.

Under the visionary guidance of Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi, Jeddah is gradually acquiring a unique contemporary Islamic identity. The massive landscaping projects alone are enough to distinguish the work of Mayor Farsi, not to mention his encouragement of art and sculpture throughout the city. However, it is in his patronage of architecture and architects that Farsi may well establish a lasting place for Jeddah and thus, for himself, in the history of the contemporary Muslim world.

Slowly, almost imperceptibly, amidst the neo-modern architecture that has come to blight most modern cities, not only in the Middle East, but throughout the world, a genuine contemporary Islamic style has begun to emerge. In the elegant Haifa district, in Khalidah, and along the Corniche, one can see today the classic lines of traditional architecture, with the use of domes and wooden lanterns that used to characterize much of traditional Islamic building, adorning the homes and palaces of the residents of Jeddah. The cacophony of color — the gaudy greens and pinks and blues — that accented the harsh eccentricities of conflicting architectural styles, has vanished beneath a coat of white paint or a maybe veneer. Aluminum windows have been covered over with traditional Islamic *mashrabiyyas* and the walled gardens are blooming with vegetation and flowers. And to the grateful relief of many citizens the remainder of the old city has been preserved.

All of these changes are the result of Farsi's search for a contemporary Islamic architectural style. The watershed in his quest came in the late 1970s with the arrival of a brilliant young award-winning architect from Egypt who quietly set about designing a building calculated to revolutionize the indigenous architecture of Jeddah. Abdul Wahed El Wakil was commissioned by Ahmed Abdullah Al-Sulaiman to create a traditional Islamic palace upon a stunning site along the Corniche. Wakil took on the assignment with great zeal, calling up his prodigious gifts and the five years he spent absorbing the teachings of his mentor, the great Egyptian master of Islamic architecture, Dr. Hassan Fathy, with the care of a thorough professional, the inspiration of an artist, and the skill of a virtuoso. Wakil combined a panoply of traditional architectural elements into a breathtaking masterpiece. The Sulaiman Palace was completed in 1979 — only 4 years ago — but the resonance of its impact upon the culture and development of Jeddah has been powerful and far-reaching, for it brought into focus many of Mayor Farsi's ideas and aspirations.

The Sulaiman Palace was Wakil's conscious virtuoso attempt to introduce to Jeddah the elements of Islamic architecture in one spectacular, pyrotechnic display. The palace is a sumptuous eye-opener, placed upon one of the most visible (and valuable) locations in Jeddah.

The traditional elements — the domes, vaults, arches, roshans, wooden lanterns and *mashrabiyyas* — all come together under his masterful hand in a thriving, luxurious unified whole. There is nothing plain about it. It is every inch the showplace that its owner and its architect intended. In city filled with wealthy owners of homes each trying to outdo the other with more and more lavish mansions, Wakil's daring use of the traditional elements has set the pace and style for others who have the courage to follow.

And follow they did, if not in spirit, at least in form. Almost immediately following the completion of the Sulaiman Palace, new homes began to rise up along the Corniche that employed at least some of the elements that could be found in the original. Domes were suddenly in.

However, traditional Islamic architecture is not simply a mixture of oriental, Arabian Nights architectural decor tacked onto conventional modern structures. It is, as Wakil's colleague, Omar Farouk described it, "A thesis of space." It cannot be legislated. It must come from the deep consciousness and awareness of traditional Islamic life. Wakil has carefully considered the ways of restoring interest in Islamic architecture.

"What are the factors that can encourage traditional architecture? And, why should it be encouraged? Is it through money? No, it is not by means of money. It is through the tangible expression of Islamic thought. The concern for the maintenance of traditional architecture is critical. The first modern politician who realized this was Churchill. When, after the war, there were plans to change the architectural style of the House of Commons, he said, 'No, it must be like the previous House of Commons because, although we form our buildings, later they shape us.' So there is a relationship of the built environment with the inward character of the people who live within it. The built environment reflects the inner thoughts and aspirations of the people. It takes a tremendous awareness to realize this. One person who has this awareness is Farsi. He has it as an artist, as a town-planner as an architect, and as a statesman."

The collaboration of Farsi and Wakil has been fortuitous not only for the mayor and his city, but also for the architect. There is a tremendous resistance today to traditional architectural ideas and those who dedicate themselves to its revival often meet with frustration and disappointment. Wakil said, "I don't design houses only according to an architect's requirements of how many bathrooms and so on. I am really trying to use architecture as an expression of the ideals of the society. At one point I realized that I was losing the battle. So, I went and bought myself a loft in Boston. I said to myself, 'I am going to teach in America. I have no role in the Middle East.' And it was then that everything changed because of Farsi."

"I was overseeing the building of the wall of the Sulaiman Palace, when the municipality came to bulldoze it because at the time there was a law that walls had to be constructed from Riyadh stone up to a



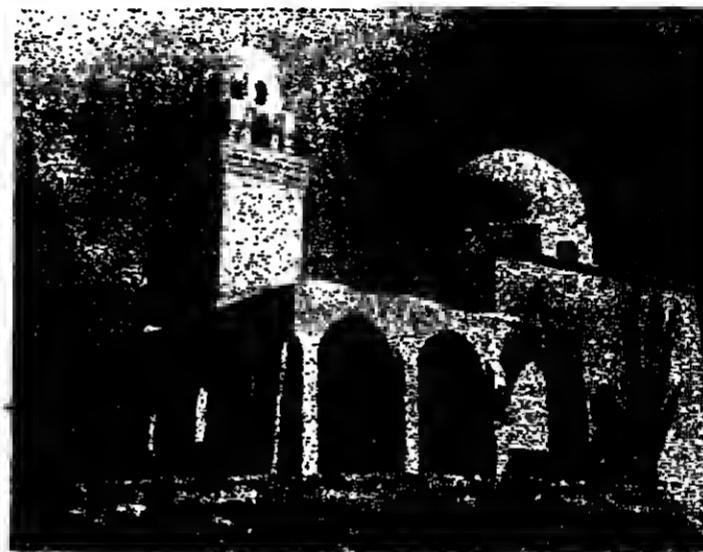
TREND-SETTER: The palace of Ahmad Abdulla Al Sulaiman which has proved to be a trend-setter. Below, left: Mayor Farsi who takes no chances and spares no efforts when it becomes a question of beautifying the city under his charge. Right: A view of the Island Mosque.



certain height with a metal fence where plants could grow above. There was a lot of opposition to this in certain circles from people who said, 'How can there be a metal fence that allows a view into the garden? Where then is the privacy of the Islamic house?' At the same time I was reading in the newspapers that the mayor was very much looking for an Islamic architectural style for Jeddah and I wondered whether or not this was really true. So when they came to break down the wall that was the test. I went and begged Farsi to let me finish the wall. I said, 'Let me just finish it and then we'll come and destroy it together if you don't like it but please give me the chance!' He did and of course the wall looked horrible at the time. It was nothing but plain brick. There were no arches, no decoration or anything. Then suddenly the wall was rendered and painted white. The plants came over from behind. The wall blended with the palace. It acted as a plinth for the building, not as an element in itself. It was integrated with the garden and the palace and the entrance gate.

"The mayor came personally into the house, visited the garden and left a note of congratulation. Later he asked to meet me. So then some people tried to frighten me of him, saying, 'Don't argue with the mayor, don't disagree with him or he won't let you work!' I said to myself, 'Well, if I can't achieve what I am aiming for in this country then I don't want to work and if this is the man who is really regulating the architecture of Jeddah and I can't convince him then I have no reason to remain.' When I met with the Mayor I did argue with him and some of the people present said, 'That is not the way to speak with the mayor' and to my astonishment he stopped them saying, 'No, we want architects who can discuss and who have opinions and I am very happy with your discussion.' From there our relationship was established, and I have never had anybody to encourage me as much as Said Farsi."

Farsi's support and the success of the Sulaiman Palace has allowed Wakil to develop his architectural ideas and continue his quest to influence the architecture of Jeddah. Like Jeddah itself, Wakil, as artist is in the process of transformation. He has already begun to modify the extravagance he has been accused of by some of his more conservative colleagues in his work on the Sulaiman Palace. They have pointed out that traditional palaces are not as extroverted and the use



of elements should be more restrained. Wakil is aware of this, but he is also deeply conscious of the necessity to make a strong visual impact. "We are in an age when all our information has become hieroglyphic. By this I mean that it is through the formation of images. It is now more an abstraction of language and this means that we have become a visual society." So with the Sulaiman Palace, Wakil set out to make a strong visual impact upon the community — to transmit his message. Once the impact had been made, the architect changed course, back onto a more traditional path, as if he was trying to lead the city along with him onto a subtler approach.

More impressive from an architectural standpoint, may be the Datsun Center, strategically placed on Madinah Road, north of Palestine St. The stark simplicity of this building was, at first, jarring, surrounded as it was by the ultra modern glass, steel and concrete shopping centers and residential towers. The quiet, white fortress-like complex clearly demonstrates how Islamic architecture can be used in the most utilitarian of settings and sets to rest the notion that it is only to satisfy the personal aesthetic of the homeowner.

So impressive was his work on the Datsun Center that its owner, Siraj Zahran, and the president of Datsun, Assaad Kandil, both commissioned Wakil to design their homes. In contrast to the lavish and complex exterior design of the Sulaiman Palace, these two palatial homes are striking in their simplicity. The only concession to outward Islamic ornamentation is in the wooden lantern adorning the Zahran Palace (which can be seen beyond and to the right of the Sulaiman Palace on the road to Saudi City). Otherwise, the outward effect is one of stark elegance. The Kandil House is, if anything, even more austere and yet there is something almost mystically compelling about its simplicity, set off with *mashrabiyyas* and fortress-like crenellations.

These houses are, in a way, closer to the traditional Islamic house

which was built, not to impress the passer-by, but rather to satisfy the many and varied needs of the family. It is not until one enters the gardens and interiors of these elegant homes that one begins to experience what Islamic architecture is all about. Suddenly, space takes on another dimension. The ordinarily two-dimensional living area opens out into a third dimension. Ceilings rise and fall as you move from

room to room. Levels change harmoniously according to the specific need and purpose of each living component. The corridors wrap around the house in a continuous flow. The marbled gardens extend majestically out from their palace on all sides, surrounding it, sheltering it and magnifying the size of the actual living area.

If you walk through these buildings with the architect you realize that, by any standard we use today, these are not ordinary dwellings. Every detail is within his grasp. He has studied the air currents, the climatic changes, the path of the sun, the quality of the woods, marble and even the plaster used in the construction and finishing work. The doors and *mashrabiyyas* are all constructed on site from imported teakwood by Wakil's master woodworker. The brass fixtures are all handmade by the brilliant young Egyptian artist and craftsman, Renaa Fahmy, who has single-handedly revived the art of Mamluk metalwork. As we walked through the servants quarters of Kandil House, Wakil casually said, "I gave them this lovely view of the ocean so that they will never wish to leave their employers." It is this attention to detail and the uncompromising quest for quality that distinguishes Wakil from many of his contemporaries. He said, "My buildings are made to last for a long time."

Wakil's most lasting contribution to Jeddah may well become his mosque architecture. Appropriately, his first such undertaking is the design for the Sulaiman Mosque adjacent to the palace. The massive structure, with its enormous 12-meter central dome, has been under construction for the last two years and is nearing completion. The architect gives Farsi the credit for its realization. "The design of the Sulaiman Mosque is mostly from Said Farsi's suggestion. The site, the height of the minaret, the domes, the positioning, are all from Said Farsi. And not only did he do all that, he also gave the client the land. If there is anything admirable in that mosque it is from Said Farsi. He gave the land. So in that sense it has been a joint venture with the client. He made me change the design four times. He refused the design until he felt that it met the standard that a mosque should have on that site. He made certain that the mosque would never be affected by the budget. His influence on that design was really that of a collaboration between architects. He has put more effort into that design than I would have done with any architect in my office. May he take all the credit for that design. God bless him!"

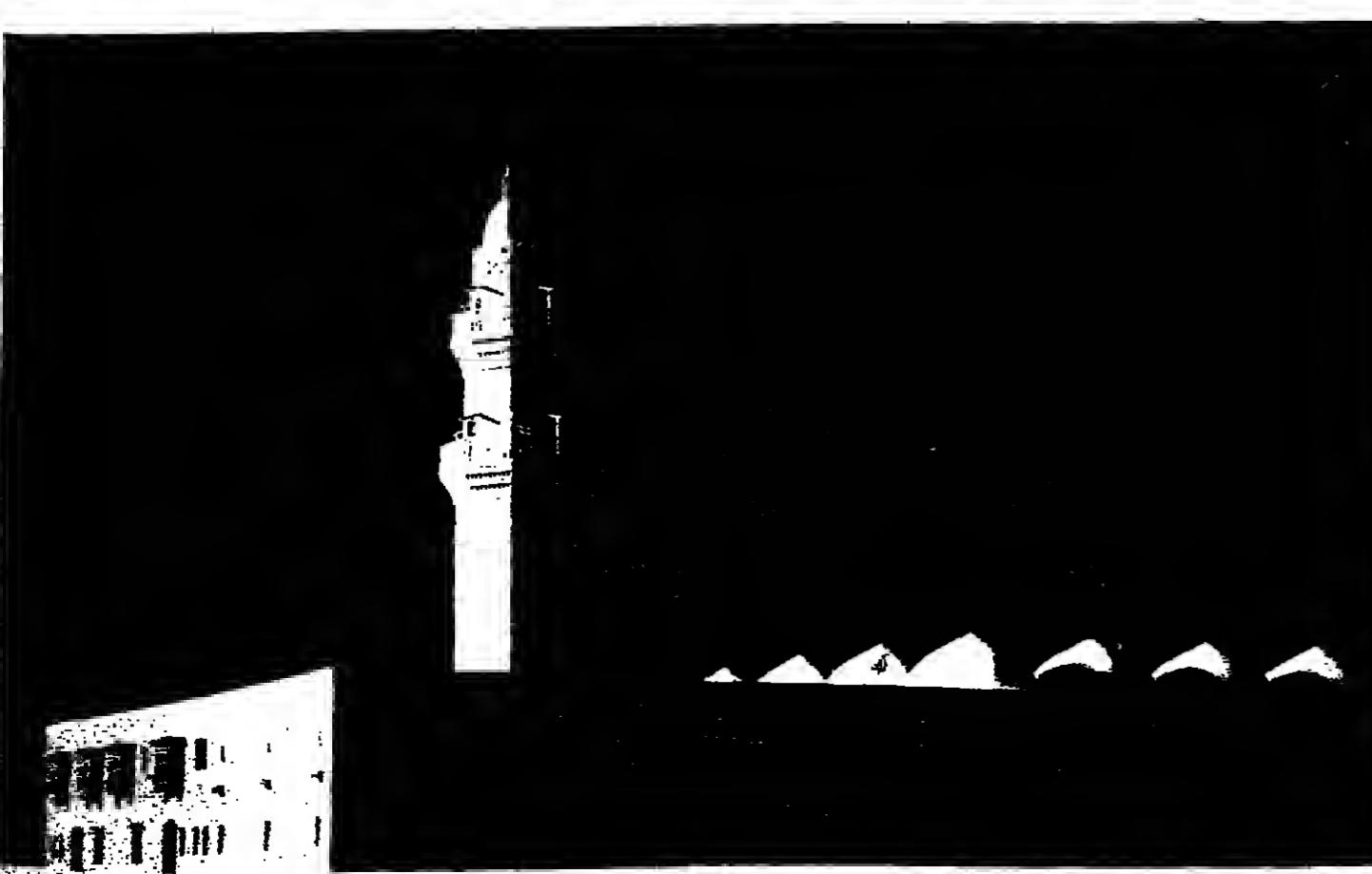
The collaboration between mayor and architect has been so successful in this respect that Wakil has been commissioned by the ministry of Hajj and A waqf to design two more mosques, one on an island off the Corniche and another upon the site of the lagoon plus the restoration of King Sand Mosque on Madinah Road. These are major projects, commissions that would very likely be the fulfillment of a lesser architect's life dream. But Wakil has his sights set on a much higher goal.

"I would really like to do a village because a village is really collective art and in it, everything is in the proper context." In the meantime, between his mosque and palace assignments, Wakil is hoping that the influence of his work will filter down from the wealthy to the young middle-class who are planning to build their homes.

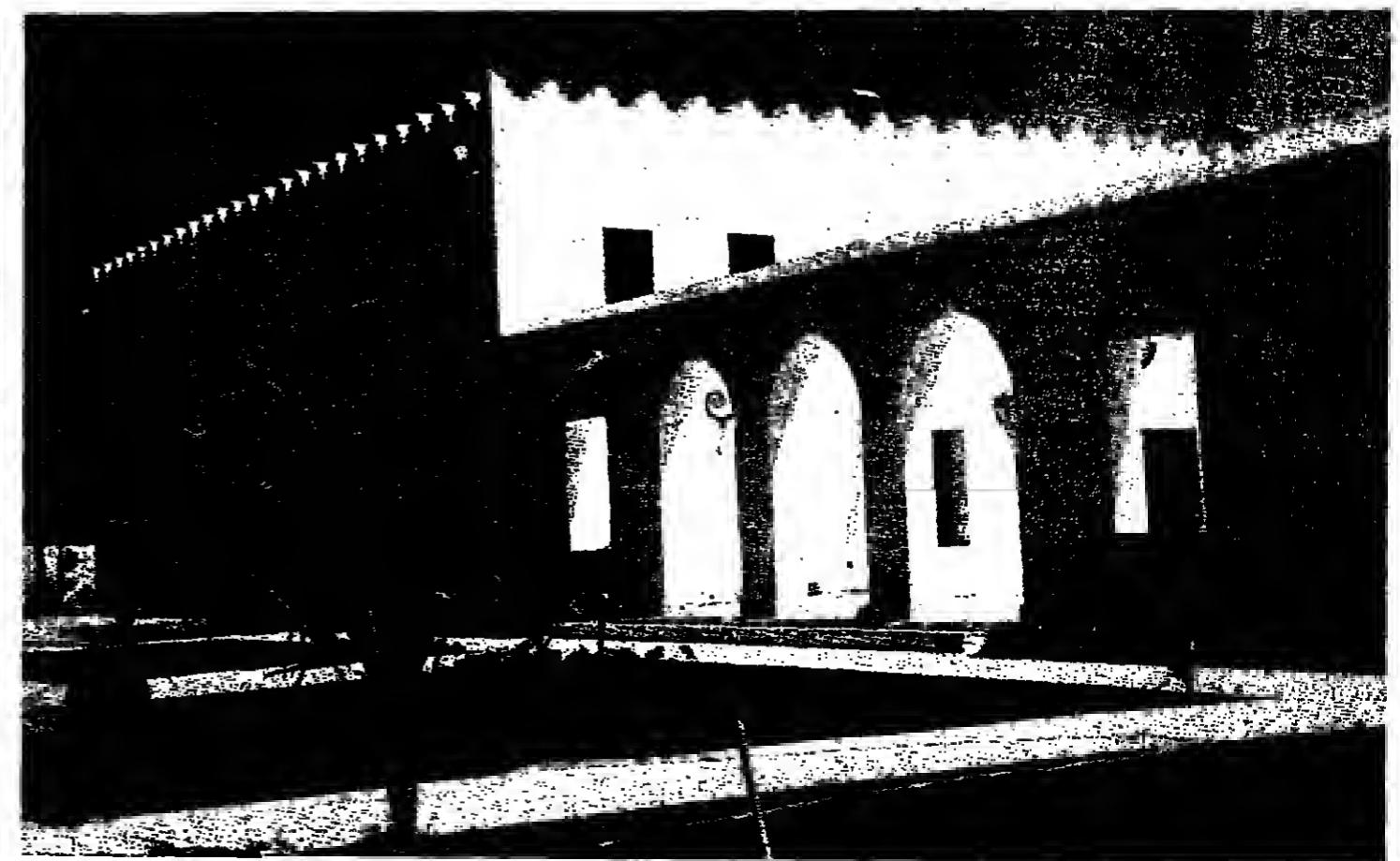
This assertion might seem insincere or simply sentimental coming from a designer of fabulous palaces and majestic mosques were it not for the fact that Wakil began as a designer of architecture for the poor and won his Aga Khan award for the relatively modest Agamy House in Egypt. His commitment to this architecture has remained as strong as it always was except that the exigencies of profession and the realization that architecture never began with the poor but always with the rich — the elite of the society — has changed his approach to the problem. It is his profound hope that the beauty of traditional architecture will be imitated and adapted by every strata of society and he has the greatest hopes that its rebirth will come within the Saudi Arabian society.

When asked what advice he might give citizens here who wish to build homes for themselves and their families, Wakil responded: "Well, I would suggest that the people here who wish to build should free their minds from the notion that social status and self-aggrandizement are criterion for the construction of one's home. These considerations don't make for a satisfying living space. They should, rather reflect upon what the basic, essential qualities of life are that they wish to express in their buildings that will interpret their identity. They should try to see how their homes can form part of their greater community which can express their development, not of material acquisition but the development of a higher quality of life and happiness. If they reflect in this way then they will find that their priorities shift. They will find that what is important is the relationship of the neighbor to the neighbor, of the inner harmony within the family. Rather than isolate people from one another, buildings will bring people closer together, strengthen ties of relationship, give them even greater sense of security and well-being. But first, people must abandon the quest for social status and high fashion."

"The modern world and hence its art and architecture is very egotistical in nature. People who speak of originality do not really mean to be original. They mean to be different. The very word originality means something going back to its origin. The true path of originality is the path extending from that which all forms come. What people today mean by original is to be different in a very introverted and individualistic manner. What they consider original is often an agglomeration of acrobatics and tricks which destroy the very purpose of art which is to act as a very sophisticated form of language — a communications system of visual images. All basic architecture, especially the sacred, followed archetypal forms which relate to cosmological order. When you are conscious of these forces which determine the forms — the archetypes and symbols expressing the Absolute then you begin to realize just how mediocre modern cities are with their ugly parking lots tucked on to their shopping centers and so on. If you could show people what an Islamic community could really look like visually I am sure that these people would be attracted to traditional Islamic architecture."



MOSQUE: The design of the mosque to be built on the lagoon. Right: The house of Assaad Kandil.



100 agents busy in Honduras

CIA leads raids into Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, April 12 (Agencies) — For the first time, a U.S. news organization reported Monday night that U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agents were leading raids into Nicaragua from Honduras.

The Defense Department reporter of the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) said in a teletcast that Pentagon sources revealed that 100 CIA agents were operating in Honduras to train and guide forces opposing the leftist regime. Those agents were also aided by agents of other nationalities paid by the CIA, ABC reported.

Earlier, Washington's United Nations representative Jeanne Kirkpatrick declined to deny or confirm that the CIA was backing anti-Sandinista forces.

In Managua Monday, the Sandinista junta announced it is setting up people's courts to judge war crimes by former national guardsmen of the overthrown Somoza dictatorship. The junta explained: "The Somoza mercenaries and the U.S. government have undertaken an undeclared war against

Vehicles attacked

Salvador rebels block roads

SAN SALVADOR, April 12 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas attacked vehicles and set up roadblocks as they battled government troops north of the capital and in the eastern part of the country Monday.

At least six persons were reported killed and one wounded as guerrillas renewed their offensive to avenge the death of rebel leader Ana Maria Melida Anaya Montes. On Sunday, the archbishop of San Salvador, Arturo Rivera Damas, condemned the "irrational wave of violence" in the nation's Civil War, including the killing of Miss Anaya Montes in Nicaragua last week.

About 42,000 persons, mostly civilians, have been slain in the 3 1/2 year war between the guerrillas and the government troops. A strong rebel force has been blocking the coastal highway for the past two days, skirmishing with government troops around Jiquilisco, a town 112 kilometers southeast of the capital and cutting off eastern El Salvador from the rest of the country. Monday, the rebels burned at least seven vehicles whose drivers tried to sneak through the roadblocks. A military source, who asked anonymity for security reasons, said the fighting was heavy but that was bad no immediate details of the fighting.

Another gunbattle during the night on a road linking Chalpeltique with Ciudad Barrios, about 138 kilometers east of San Salvador, lasted three hours without casualties, the source said. Civilian authorities, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, said business and other activities were virtually paralyzed in Usulutan province because of the fighting.

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Earlier in the day, Mrs. Kirkpatrick rejected a call from Nicaragua for bilateral negotiations between it and Honduras and between Nicaragua and Washington. She indicated that El Salvador was involved, too, where leftist rebels get weapons from Nicaragua, according to the Reagan administration. The dispute was too complicated to be settled in bilateral talks, and required multilateral discussions by the Organization of American States (OAS), she said.

But the OAS Council Monday postponed a discussion of the Nicaraguan-Honduran dispute to give time to Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and Panama to carry out a good offices mission among the various Central American countries.

A team of four foreign ministers was to begin Tuesday a whirlwind tour of Central America in a bid to avert a possible regional conflict that loomed larger with U.S. rejec-

tion of bilateral talks on the crisis.

The ministers of Colombia, Venezuela, Panama and Mexico decided on the two-day, five-nation tour after a 14-hour emergency meeting here Monday. Panama's Foreign Minister Juan Jose Amador told newsmen. He said they will go first to San Jose, Costa Rica, and then on to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

In Panama City on Sunday, Nicaragua's Foreign Minister Father Miguel D'Escoto said he doubted a war with Honduras could be avoided. Honduras' Police Chief Col. Daniel Balz Castillo charged that the Sandinistas were moving "a large quantity of troops" to Honduras' border in the last few days. Honduras' foreign minister Monday accused the Sandinista regime of trying to "destabilize" his government with "subversive group." The minister, Edgardo Paz, said he had proof the Sandinistas were implicated in bombings of electric power plants last year and the hijacking of an airplane.

Honduras agreed Monday to postpone the OAS discussion. Nicaragua, in exchange, agreed not to reactivate its complaint to the U.N. Security Council until the good offices attempt has been made by Colombia, aided by Panama, Venezuela and Mexico.

But the four-country good offices mission would be seriously handicapped by Monday's U.S. rejection of bilateral discussion, observers said. Those four countries signed the Contadora Declaration backing the Mexican-Venezuelan call in January for parallel bilateral talks between Nicaragua and Honduras and the United States.

Meanwhile in Managua, a military spokesman said anti-government rebels and troops loyal to the leftist Sandinista junta fought isolated gun battles Monday near the northern Honduran border.

Both the rebels' clandestine Radio Sept. 15 and pro-government military sources claimed Monday that gun battles continued in areas around Nueva Segovia, Madriz and Matagalpa in the north, Chinandega in the northwest and Zelaya Norte in the northeast.

A military source here, who asked not to be identified for security reasons, said the fighting was heavy but "we have no further information on the situation."

Radio Sept. 15 said members of the Honduran-based Nicaraguan democratic forces rebels beat back an offensive by 4,000 Sandinista soldiers in areas around the Honduran border. "The Communist troops of the Sandinista front are retreating in disorder, abandoning their dead on the battlefield," the broadcast "from somewhere inside Nicaragua" said.

The broadcast monitored in Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital, said 15 rebels were killed in fighting over the past three days but "our guerrillas have recovered a great quantity of arms and military supplies."

U.S., Greece resume talks on bases

ATHENS, April 12 (AP) — U.S. special negotiator Reginald Bartholomew and Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Yannis Kapisis met here Monday for what is expected to be the final round of negotiations on the future of American bases in Greece, government spokesman Dimitris Maroudas said.

Diplomatic sources said new American proposal to restore the seven-to-ten ratio in military aid to Greece and Turkey would permit an agreement to be signed before the summer. Bartholomew returned to Athens Sunday after two weeks of consultations in Washington to restart talks on continued operation of four major American military installations and numerous smaller facilities.

Press reports here said Washington has already offered a hike in military aid to Greece by \$220 million to \$500 million for the fiscal year 1984, making the aid level to Greece comparable to the \$750 million promised to Turkey over the same period.

However, the reports said, Greece turned down the offer on the grounds that the seven-to-ten ratio should be adjusted to take into account the additional \$190-million free economic aid that Washington will give to Turkey. The government declined to comment on the reports.

Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreou believes the bases serve American not NATO interests, and insists on a timetable for their eventual removal, and guarantees that they will not be used against countries in the region friendly to Greece.

S. Africans kill 30 Namibians

WINDHOEK, Southwest Africa, April 12 (AP) — South African forces shot dead 30 black nationalist fighters in a series of weekend clashes in Southwest Africa (Namibia), the military said Monday.

The casualties brought to 307 the number of volunteers killed since they began their annual offensive in February, taking advantage of heavier ground cover from seasonal rains.

A statement by the Southwest Africa territory force said the weekend fighting included a number of minor contacts in northern Namibia near the Angolan border. The statement said guerrillas killed two civilians in separate attacks over the weekend.

Guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization have waged a 17-year war to end South African rule over the territory. Five Western nations are attempting to negotiate an independence settlement. The United States and South Africa are insisting that any settlement should include a parallel withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola.

Illegal immigration grows; human rights suffer

GENEVA, April 12 (R) — A worldwide rise in illegal immigration has exposed migrants to abuses of their fundamental human rights, a leading migration official said Monday.

James L. Carlin, director of the Inter-governmental Committee for Migration (ICM), was speaking the opening of a one-week ICM seminar on illegal migration attended by 250 government and international specialists.

U.S. Congressman Peter Rodino told the seminar that foreign workers around the world, legal and illegal, were estimated to total more than 20 million at the end of the last decade, with at least 12 million in developing countries. "This included an estimated six million in the United States.

To Falklands heroes

Homage paid aboard ship

ABOARD CUNARD COUNTESS, Off the Falkland Islands, April 12 (AP) — Some 250 relatives of British servicemen lost at sea in last year's Falkland Islands War stood in silence on the deck of this liner Monday as wreaths were thrown overboard in their memory.

A Royal Navy destroyer HMS *Cardiff* and a frigate HMS *Active*, their crews standing on deck with bands linked, sailed past as a mark of respect on either side of *The Countess* anchored in the Falkland Sound.

The Sound, dividing the two main islands of this remote British colony long claimed by Argentina, was the scene of some of the fiercest air and sea battles in the war sparked by Argentina's April 2 invasion. The Argentines surrendered June 14.

The 30-minute function was the third in a 12,800 kms voyage from Britain by 541 relatives of the 255 British servicemen killed.

Monday's ceremony here followed a dedication Sunday of the military cemetery at San Carlos settlement where 14 Britons were buried. Two others were buried at other settlements, 64 bodies were sent home and the

Blackmailer terrorizing Germans

MUNICH, April 12 (AP) — A blackmailer has been terrorizing prominent West German doctors, lawyers and businessmen for months, threatening to shoot them unless they pay millions of U.S. dollars, police disclosed Monday.

In announcing a \$5,000 reward for information leading to his arrest, police told a news conference none of the victims has been injured since the threats began last December. But the blackmailer tampered with food on a Frankfurt grocery shelf and threatened to poison goods at a Munich market unless the store manager's cash paid him

five million in Western Europe; and three million in the Middle East, with other large concentrations on the West African coast and in South Africa," he said. Rodino called for a full-scale international conference on future trends in migration.

An ICM report prepared for the meeting said the United States estimated it had 3.5 million to five million immigrants in 1981, mostly Mexican. "One of every 10 migrant workers in Europe was estimated to be in an irregular situation in the early eighties," the report said.

Argentina estimated it had more than two million foreigners — many undocumented — on its territories in 1979, ICM said. In Venezuela, some estimates put undocumented migrants at more than one million, it added.

Relatives lined the deck and sang a royal navy hymn as the two warships sailed past.

After two pipers played a lament, the relatives, many weeping, cast dozens of wreaths and bouquets into the still waters of the Sound.

2 Ulster men jailed for life

BELFAST, April 12 (AFP) — Two Ulster Volunteer Forces (UVF) members were jailed for life here Monday by a special court sitting without a jury.

They and 12 other members of the Protestant (loyalist) paramilitary UVF faced 45 charges ranging from the murder of a Republican (Catholic) militant to illegal possession of firearms and explosives. The only prosecution witness was former UVF leader Joe Bennett, 37, who turned informer in exchange for immunity from prosecution in connection with two murders he admitted to being involved in.

Blackmailer terrorizing Germans

\$2 million, police said.

After threatening to poison goods at the Munich Store with chemicals, police said, the blackmailer mixed tabasco sauce into a jar of food at a Frankfurt market to prove he was serious.

The tainted food was discovered over the weekend on a tip from the blackmailer, who demanded that the Munich ransom be dropped off at a hotel in the northern port city of Hamburg. Police said a courier was directed to five different locations in Hamburg, ending up at a gas station, but no one turned up to collect the money.

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To take pressure off talks

NATO urged to delay deployment of missiles

COLOGNE, April 12 (AP) — A disarmament expert in West Germany's opposition Social Democratic Party has called for a one-year postponement of the planned deployment of new nuclear missiles in Western Europe this year.

Parliamentary Deputy Egon Bahr said the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) should postpone the deployment to take pressure off its negotiations with the Soviet Union over medium-range nuclear missiles. Those negotiations reconvene May 17 in Geneva.

Bahr made the statement Sunday evening in an interview with the Cologne-based Deutsche Welle Radio network. NATO decided in December, 1979, to deploy 572 U.S.-built Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe starting in late 1983 if by then there has been no progress in arms talks with the Soviets. Since the decision was made in 1979, there were two years without any negotiations at all, only more armament, Bahr said in the interview.

The one year of negotiations between the superpowers "has not brought us much farther," he said. "If the next round does not result in the outlines of a settlement, then the moment can come in which we say, let's make available an additional year so that the negotiations are not conducted under time pressure," he said. "This would not prejudice the security of either side," Bahr added.

Bahr said he had also presented his proposal over the weekend at the congress of the Socialist International in Portugal. He said other delegates agreed with him, but they suggested that as a condition for such a postponement both sides should agree not to deploy any additional nuclear missiles in the coming year.

Bahr, 61, has been in the parliament since 1972. He was formerly a minister for special affairs under ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt, a

Indian Marxists to visit China

NEW DELHI, April 12 (AFP) — A three-member delegation of the Communist Party of India, Marxists (CPM), led by its General Secretary E.M.S. Namboodiripad, will visit China later this month to discuss the question of re-establishing party-to-party ties with the Chinese.

Basavapunnaiah, one of the members on the proposed delegation, told a press conference here Monday that their discussions in Peking would help clarify each other's point of view on major international issues also.

However, he said they had no plan to discuss the Sino-Indian border dispute as his party believed in non-interference in state-to-state relations.

Social Democrat, and minister for economic cooperation from 1974 to 1976 under ex-Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Bahr's Social Democratic Party has postponed until this fall a decision on whether to formally support the planned deployment of the missiles.

The party's platform says it will carefully scrutinize whether both superpowers have negotiated seriously before deciding whether to back deployment. But some party members oppose deployment and have become more vocal about their opposition in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, in Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said Monday that it was important to achieve agreement at the U.S.-Soviet talks on reducing arms but reiterated that the Kremlin finds all U.S. proposals so far "unacceptable."

At a Kremlin meeting with visiting Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, Gromyko "Pointed to the importance of achieving appropriate arrangements at the talks in Geneva" and said this was important not only for Europe but for the whole world, Tass said. "At the same time, the Soviet side confirmed again that the United States stood at the talks in Geneva is not aimed at achieving agreement," Tass said.

Washington "pursues the aim of disrupting the existing balance of forces in Europe and the whole world, which is absolutely unacceptable to the USSR and its allies," Tass added, quoting the Soviet side at Monday's talks. "This also applies to the so-called interim variant," Tass said.

Gromyko's proposal received a firm "no" from Gromyko at a rare international press conference given by the 73-year-old Soviet foreign minister in Moscow nine days ago.

Tass said Gromyko outlined to Tindemans the proposals made by Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov on limiting nuclear arms in Europe.

Harkishan Singh Surjeet is the other member on the delegation. He and Basavapunnaiah are members of the policy-making Politburo of the CPM, which has been independent of both Moscow and Peking in policy. The formal ties between the CPM and the Chinese Communist Party were snapped in the late sixties as the latter appeared to be more in approval of the newly emerged extremist Communists in India, generally known as the Naxalites. The armed uprising of farm laborers in 1967 at Naxalbari in West Bengal state marked the extremist movement's appearance. CPM now rules two Indian states in alliance with several other left parties — West Bengal and Tripura, both in the northeast.

Korean skipper forced to leave abandoned ship

FALMOUTH, England, April 12 (AP) — The Korean captain of a Panamanian freighter ablaze in the Atlantic was persuaded to leave his burning ship *Mooday*, more than 15 hours after his crew abandoned the stricken vessel.

The British Coast Guard said the unidentified skipper of the 40,000-ton bulk carrier *Bay Club* originally took to the lifeboats with 26 crewmen, but went back to search for a missing Korean crew member. He later asked to be airlifted off the burning ship by a Royal Navy helicopter from the aircraft carrier *HMS Hermes*, which is on its

way to New York.

The helicopter flew him, and a doctor to treat the injured, to the British cargo ship *Dart Atlantic*, which picked up the stranded crew 1,600 kms southwest of Land's End, England. The rescue ship was making for Southampton.

The *Bay Club* was on its way from the United States to Belgium with a cargo of scybeads. The missing crewman was trapped in the engine room, said Arthur Radford, spokesman for the Falmouth Coast Guard station. "He is obviously dead."

'Asians only' ad irks Kenyans

NAIROBI, April 12 (AFP) — A newspaper advertisement calling for "strictly Asians only" tenants for part of a house in Nairobi's high class residential area of Lavington has sparked off a strong government reaction here.

An assistant minister in the Ministry of Culture and Social Services, Stanley Metto, complained to the official Kenya News Agency (KNA) that the advertisement in Monday's edition of the *Nation* newspaper was encouraging racial discrimination in Kenya.

"Our policy is to treat all people in Kenya equally regardless of their color, creed or

religion," he was quoted by KNA as saying.

Contacted by KNA, the owner of the house, agent which inserted the advertisement said there had been "bad experience" with Africans in the past. He said the main part of the house was occupied by an Asian family.

Keoya has about 80,000 Asians who have been living here since the beginning of the century. Before independence 20 years ago, there were distinct racial groupings of Europeans, Asians (including Arabs), and Africans, who were not allowed in some residential areas without a special pass.

BRIEFS

ZURICH (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand has promised to make a "symbolic" repayment of a debt Napoleon Bonaparte incurred with a Swiss mountain village nearly two centuries ago. Mitterrand told Swiss journalists in Paris Monday he had decided to make the gesture to the village of Bourg St. Pierre in southwest Switzerland when he visits the country this week.

CATANIA, Sicily (AFP) — Nine private and 11 public buildings were destroyed or seriously damaged Monday by lava surging down the slopes of Mount Etna, which has been erupting for the last two weeks.

LONDON (AFP) — British military aid to Brunei will be renegotiated during the visit to the sultanate this week of Undersecretary of State at the Foreign Office Lord Belstead, it was announced here Monday.

MOSCOW (AP) — Pavel Naumov has been made head of the semiofficial Soviet news agency Novosti, Tass said Monday.

GRAZ, Austria (R) — Austrian Agricul-

ture Minister Guenther Haiden Monday disclosed plans to set up a second farm in Austria to breed Lippizaner horses to reduce the danger of virus infections.

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — One hundred black and mixed-race children have died after contracting measles in this Indian Ocean city in the past three months, almost double the number of the whole of 1982, it was reported Monday.

NEWPORT BEACH, California (AP) — Dolores Del Rio, a Mexican-born actress who was one of Hollywood's favorite leading ladies in the '20s and '30s, died Monday at her home here, authorities said. She was 78.

LONDON (AP) — The British TV company Central Independent Television said Monday it has sold a drama series on assassinated U.S. President John F. Kennedy and his family to the National Broadcasting Company for airing next fall.

MADRID (AP) — The appeal hearing of the main perpetrators of the failed coup of February 1981 ended here Monday after a week of arguments by both defense and prosecution. The seven magistrates on Spain's highest constitutional court now have 10 days to rule on the legal validity of the sentences pronounced by a court martial last June.

Venezuela presidency attracts seven aspirants

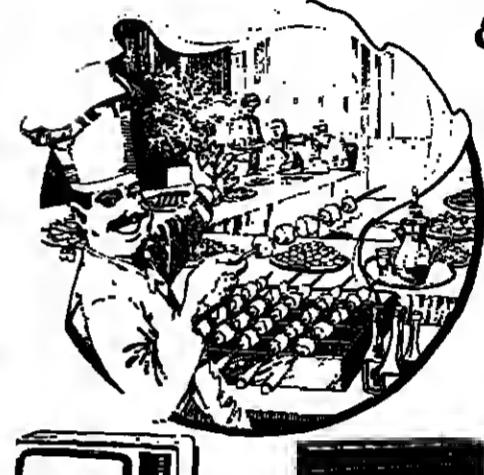
CARACAS, April 12 (AP) — Seven candidates for the presidency of Latin America's most stable democracy officially kicked off their campaigns Monday with speeches and press conferences amid gloomy economic forecasts for their oil-rich nation.

An ex-president, two doctors, one lawyer, an economist, a magazine editor, and an ex-defense minister are competing in the sixth presidential race since Venezuela ousted its last military dictator 25 years ago. Three of the five elected presidents have belonged to the Action Democratic Party, while two have been Social Christians. Despite the wide

spectrum of candidates, the upcoming December elections promise once again to be largely a contest between the two main political parties.

The candidate for the ruling Social Christian Party is Rafael Caldera, 67, a 50-year political veteran who served the five-year presidential term between 1969 and 1974. Despite his experience, Caldera faces a tough uphill fight against Action Democratic candidate Jaime Lusinchi because of the economic difficulties that have struck Venezuela during the leadership of current Social Christian President Luis Herrera Campins.

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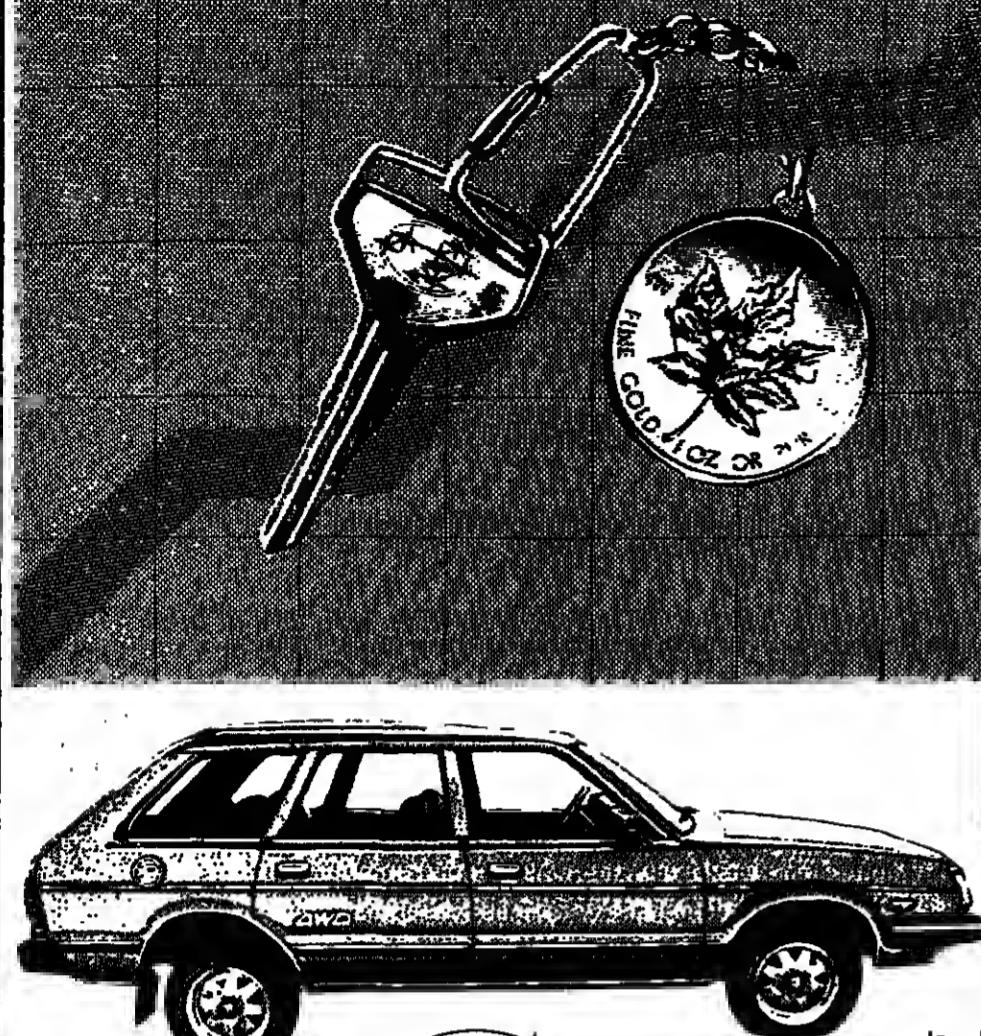
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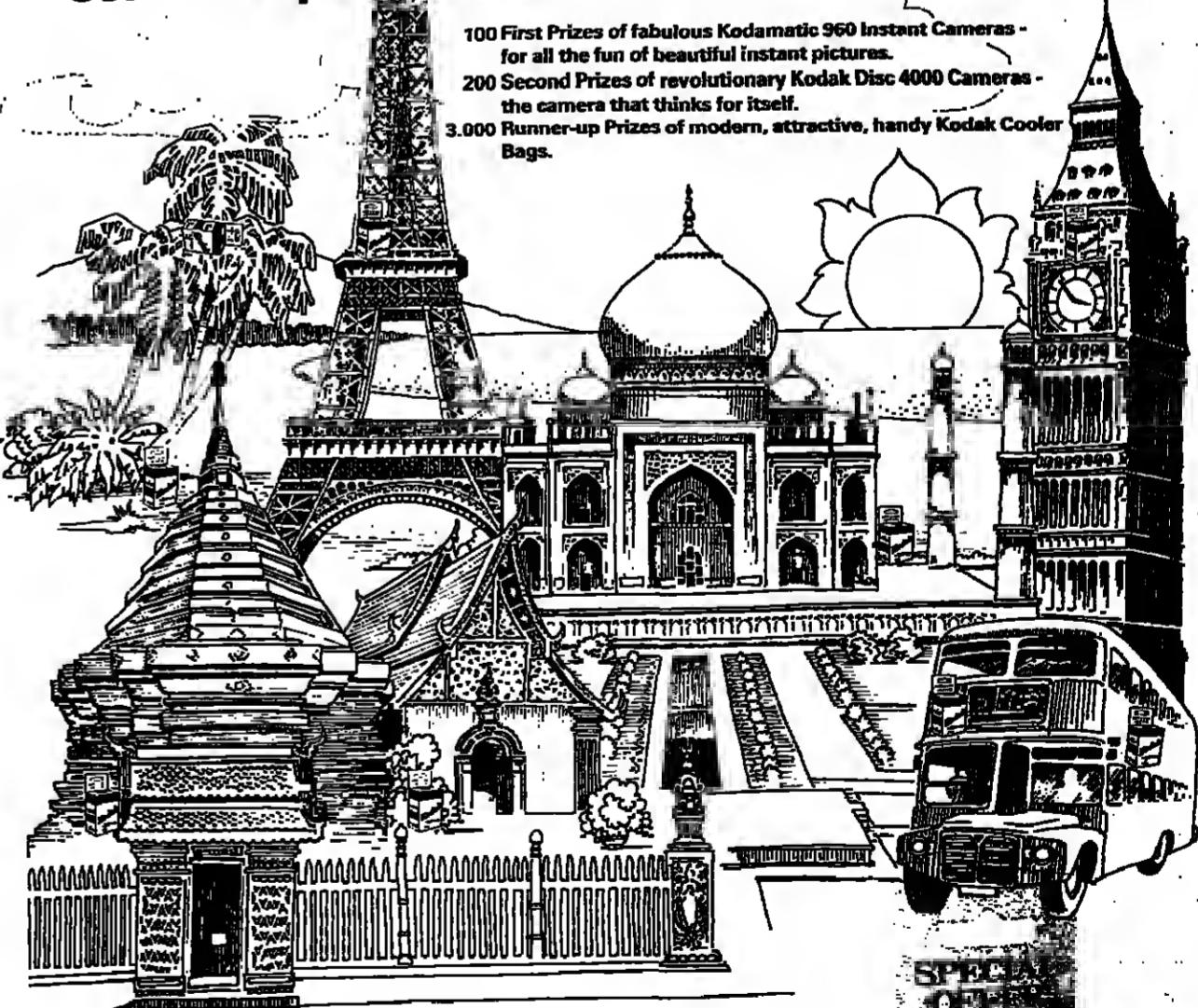
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May not sustain growth

West's economy seen resuming expansion

NEW YORK, April 12 (AP) — Economies of Western industrial nations have resumed expansion but prospects for sustained growth are uncertain, the Conference Board said Monday in an international forecast.

"The seven-year period, beginning from 1983, may well be marked by a new phase of expansion from 1983 to 1985-86 and a new decline thereafter," the study said.

During the first months of this year, "one should see a strong and rapid recovery," the international business-finance study group said. But it said the pace of expansion over the next few years is expected to be slower than in the past because of higher long-term interest rates and government constraints.

French steel output drops

PARIS, April 12 (AFP) — French production of raw steel fell a year-to-year 20.4 percent to 4,236,000 tons over the first three months of this year, the French Steel Federation has announced.

Output of smelted steel was down 25 percent over the same period. Production of raw steel in March was down 15.9 percent to 1,617,000 tons, and of smelted steel down 23.3 percent to 1,221,000 tons.

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Gulf Oil plans pulling out of Europe

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, April 12 (AP) — Gulf Oil is pulling out of the refining, marketing and chemicals businesses in Europe and concentrating on its search for domestic oil reserves, according to the corporation's annual report.

"We believe that Gulf's future is brightest and our shareholders best served by building on our strong base as an integrated domestic petroleum company," Chairman James Lee and President Edward Walker wrote in their report to shareholders.

Gulf's earnings dropped 27 percent in 1982 to \$900 million, down from the \$1.23 billion earned in 1981. It was the second year in a row that earnings fell.

Demand for refined oil products in the United States and Europe declined for the third consecutive year in 1982. Prices tumbled in the face of excess supplies and increased competition.

Gulf shut down an 82,500 barrel-per-day refinery in Italy last year and cut 40 percent of the capacity of a similar-sized refinery in Denmark.

Moscow issues new labor law

MOSCOW, April 12 (R) — The Soviet leadership issued a new labor law Tuesday decreeing that workers' conferences should be held in factories at least twice a year.

The Communist Party daily *Pravda*, which published the terms of the law, said the legislation was intended to increase the role of the workers in the management of industrial enterprises. But analysts said it appeared to offer them no new rights or influence and, in effect, simply codified practices already the norm in Soviet factories.

Under the legislation, the workers' conferences would discuss production problems and related issues and their ruling would be mandatory on the management. But despite this pledge, the law did not give workers the right to discuss such topics as pay demands or working conditions.

The conferences also received no authority to discuss either the appointment or performance of officials in the state-controlled trade union movement.

Other sections of the new law indicated that the conferences would be expected to focus on problems of low productivity or bad behavior.

At cost of exports

More Indians succumb to the cup that cheers

CALCUTTA, April 12 (R) — More and more Indians are drinking tea and producers are worried that the country soon might not have enough left over for export.

The strong domestic market is the trade's savior when world prices are depressed, tea company officials say. But unless production increases, tea that should be exported will be drunk in India. Home consumption is rising at six percent a year, and India's population of around 700 million is growing by about 13 million annually.

Cheap sugar and urban influence were helping to spread the tea habit among millions of villagers more accustomed to milk and "lassi" (buttermilk), Mumtaz Ahmad of a Calcutta-based tea company said. A government plan to double domestic production to one billion kg (2.2 billion pounds) by the end of the century appeared a challenging task, tea traders said.

The Indian tea industry, the world's largest, was being rocked by large financial losses leaving it with little cash or incentive to improve production, they added. Production fell to \$55 million kg (1.220 million pounds) during the 1982/83 financial year.

Freight rates remain dull

LONDON, April 12 (AFP) — There was a mixed tone on the freight market last week, although the trend was mostly lower in the slow conditions which prevailed after the long holidays.

Despite an announcement that the Panama Canal's draught was to be further reduced on April 18, which theoretically should have led to distinctly firmer rates as experienced a month ago, rates in the directly affected U.S. Gulf/Japan grain trade turned easier.

The latest figures from the London-based shippers, Howard Houlder (chartering), showed that bulk carrier unemployment worldwide was rising, with laid-up tonnage in March reaching 15.4 million deadweight tons, up 900,000 tons in the month. The shippers said that within this total vessels up to 49,999 tons accounted for over nine million tons.

Time-chartering provided the best opportunity for employment last week, judging by the fixtures reported. Several deals were reportedly done, including some at higher rates, but none was confirmed.

But Chinese charterers remained quite active, taking at least four on a time basis, including an SD 14 type out of Brazil at \$4,375 a day, up \$175 on the previous fix-

ture.

On the other hand, Indian charterers were depressing the fertilizer trade by paying only \$11.10 a ton out of Aqaba, down 50 cents on two weeks earlier.

In grain trades, Great Lakes fixing remained well represented and varied, with cargoes arranged to Algeria, Nigeria and Portugal (sunflower seeds). Out of the U.S. Gulf, a 60,000 tonner was fixed for grain to Europe on a lump sum basis, about \$8.70/ton; up 20 cents, but to Japan, the \$21.55/ton paid for a 33,000 tonner, was 35 cents cheaper, while the \$18.25 paid for a 50,000 tonner was \$2 down on a mid-March fixture.

U.S. Pacific ports continued to contribute only grain business while out of the River Plate the only grain fixture reported was to Bandar Abbas (Iran) for a 25,000 ton cargo at \$34/ton, or 75 cents less than paid a month before.

Sugar fixtures provided a good support to the list, with a wide range of voyages arranged including one from Cuba to China when a 14,000 tonner obtained \$40.50/ton compared with \$35 paid to a 21,000 ton shipment two weeks before.

The surplus land above the limits has been taken away by the government," Ahmad said.

He said the government should help boost tea exports which have remained static at around 200 million kg (440 million pounds) a year for some years. Indian tea now accounts for almost 30 percent of the world supply but Borodah said the country was losing its traditional markets in Western Europe and the United States to inferior but cheaper tea.

India is meanwhile trying to persuade Sri Lanka and Kenya, both major producing countries, to agree to an international tea pact. Borodah said the proposed agreement, which is likely to be discussed at a meeting called by the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development in Geneva in October, would try to stabilize tea prices on the international market through export quotas and buffer stocks.

There has not been an effective tea agreement since 1934. He said signing of a new pact had been delayed because Kenya and some other producing countries opposed restrictions on their exports.

Papandreou lauds new EEC terms

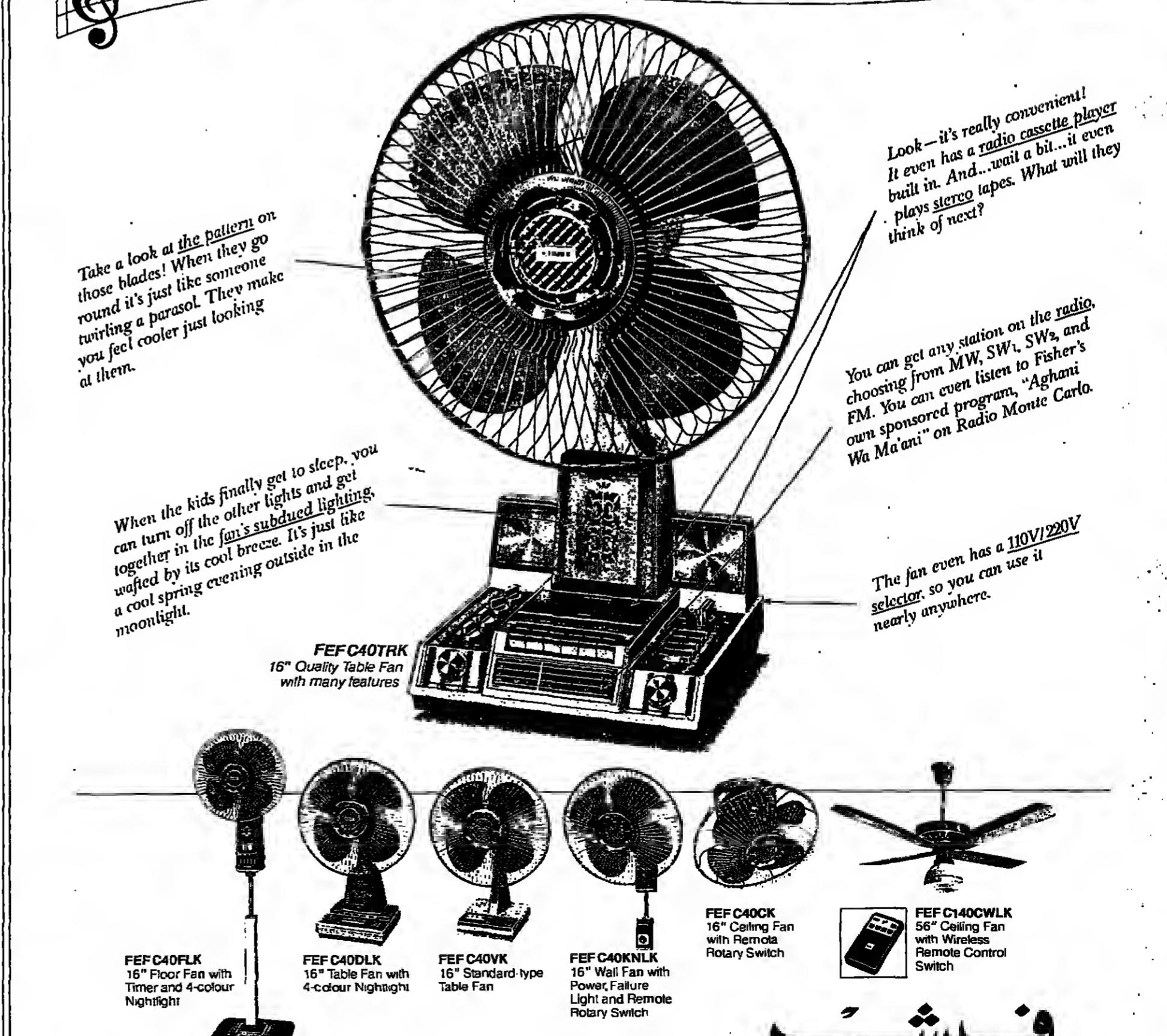
ATHENS, Greece, April 12 (AP) — Greek Premier Andreas Papandreou Monday termed as "generally encouraging" the financial proposals contained in the EEC commission report on the Greek memorandum concerning better terms for Greece in the EEC.

The EEC commission "has primarily shown that it understands to a large extent our problems and recognizes the need for decisive action in confronting these problems," Papandreou said.

The commission report on the Greek memorandum, issued three weeks ago, contained proposals for economic aid to Greece and concessions on rules concerning Greece's full integration into the community. Greece had asked for special treatment in the memorandum, which was submitted last year to the EEC, as its newest and poorest member. Greece became the community's tenth member in 1981.

The Greek premier stressed that negotiations with the EEC would continue, particularly in the area of protecting ailing Greek industry. Final decisions on the EEC proposals will be discussed at a ministerial summit in Stuttgart in June.

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East feels the pinch of recession

BANGKOK, April 12 (AFP) — The worst Western recession in 50 years has also set back the East, slowing down growth rates and dimming prospects for a quick rebound, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) said in its annual survey.

Nearly all regional countries began to feel the pinch by last year, with increased payments deficits, growing jobless and greater policy problems than before.

At the same time, rapid population growth in the area which stretches from Afghanistan to the South Pacific island of Tonga outstripped food production gains in many cases, notably in the least developed countries (LDCs).

In a preamble, ESCAP Executive Secretary S.A.M.S. Kibria of Bangladesh said growth rates in 1982 shrank largely because of slack demand and increasing protectionism in the industrialized countries.

The impact was felt not only in widespread development cutbacks and mounting fiscal imbalances, but also by millions of people as unemployment rose and hardship worsened for the region's "ragged legions of rural poor," Kibria said. Growth prospects for this year did not appear "promising" he added.

On the whole, the economies of Southeast and East Asia expanded more rapidly than those of South Asia from 1980 to 1982, though the gap in growth rates between these subregions narrowed.

In the Far East, the slowdown was particularly sharp in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Sing-

apore, the report noted. In Hong Kong, the economy grew 11 percent in 1981 but the rate was expected to be no more than four percent in 1982. The ESCAP secretariat blamed the world recession as well as growing protectionism.

Malaysia, as a leading exporter of raw materials, was hard hit by declining demand, and the growth of its gross domestic product (GDP) was expected to be only 3.9 percent in 1982 against a 6.9 percent increase in 1981.

In Singapore, real GDP rose 6.8 percent during the first half of 1982 compared with the year before, the lowest annual rate of growth since 1976, according to the ESCAP secretariat. The survey said even if growth rates in the industrial countries revived by

next year to the modest levels forecast at end-1982, there was still no light at the end of the tunnel.

Unemployment in the industrialized countries was expected to total about 11 percent of the work force, with a possible worsening in the first half of 1984, it said.

Pressures on Western governments to adopt protectionist measures against imports were thus likely to become even stronger "and severely test their commitment to an open trading system," the report added.

Kibria noted in his foreword: "There is also considerable doubt whether a global economic recovery, if it was indeed at hand, will be potent enough to fuel a full resurgence of growth rates in the developing world during 1983."

U.S. law on loans suggested

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) — Federal regulators were told Monday that the U.S. Congress will insist on legislation tightening control over the foreign lending of banks in exchange for giving more money to the International Monetary Fund.

The banking regulators presented their plan for tighter restraints over banks' foreign loans to the Senate Banking Committee. The plan could be implemented without any legislation, the regulators said. But they were told that wasn't likely.

"Believe me, there will be legislation," said Sen. Jake Garn, chairman of the committee. He said members of Congress would not approve a \$8.4 billion increase in the U.S. contribution to the IMF "unless their stamp is on it."

Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker said he "would not oppose legislation that put into effect the regulators' plan." C.T. Conover, comptroller of the currency, and William Isaac, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said they would support it.

The money would bolster the 146-nation

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Caribbean Community (Caricom) ministers meeting and to discuss Jamaica's two-tier exchange rate. A government spokesman said ministers will meet informally Tuesday before the formal gathering starts Wednesday.

STRASBOURG, France (AFP) — The European Parliament Monday dropped a motion to debate a resumption of food aid to Vietnam without demanding Vietnamese troop withdrawal from Laos and Cambodia. The motion was dropped at the suggestion of French Gaullist MP Xavier Deniau, who is the rapporteur of the parliament's economic development committee.

PARIS (AP) — The French National Assembly has voted by a 2-1 margin to give President Francois Mitterrand's Socialist government the power to enact economic austerity measures by decree. The 325-159 vote Monday night was seen as a mere formality since Socialists have an absolute majority in the lower house of parliament.

WARSAW (R) — The state firm which produces and distributes Poland's food said Tuesday Warsaw bakers faced bankruptcy unless the government allowed the price of bread to rise or provided bigger subsidies.

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U.S. seeks common stand on East-West trade policy

BRUSSELS, April 12 (AFP) — The United States is pressing for a meeting of its allies to thrash out a common stand on limits to East-West trade before the economic summit at Williamsburg, Virginia, next month, sources said here Tuesday.

They said that Washington had invited finance and economic ministers of its six partners in the bloc of Western industrialized nations to a meeting in Paris on May 10.

Also invited are the European Economic Community's commission, the International Monetary Fund and the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The meeting is planned to follow immediately after the ministerial gathering of the OECD in Paris on May 8 and 9. Washington is also proposing a meeting of trade ministers of the industrialized seven in Brussels on April 28.

The flurry of meetings to precede the Williamsburg summit, EEC sources predicted, would focus on U.S. attempts to boost European support for restrictions on East-West trade.

Hawke's wage plan suffers setback

CANBERRA, April 12 (R) — Prime Minister Bob Hawke's hopes for consensus in dealing with Australia's economic problems suffered a setback Tuesday when unions and employers clashed over wages.

Union spokesmen told a conference of 100 government, business and union leaders that the wage freeze must end on schedule in June with wage rises reflecting rising prices.

Employers say the freeze must be extended to at least the end of the year if the labor government's aim of economic recovery is to be achieved.

The clash came on the second day of a week-long "national economic summit" which the government hopes will provide board agreement on the economy enabling it to make politically unpopular decisions.

Hawke's five-week-old administration has to find some way of cutting unemployment from the present 10 percent without adding to the country's 11 percent inflation or damaging already poor prospects for the business.

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Libyan planes held in U.S. for 10 years

MARIETTA, Georgia, April 12 (AP) — It has been almost 10 years since Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi paid \$63 million for eight American-built C-130 cargo planes, but they are still parked at Lockheed-Georgia's plant in Marietta.

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Dollar rates shed gains

J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 12 — The American dollar slipped back on the New York exchange markets Monday night and remained depressed on the European Tuesday exchanges. The primary reason seems to have been a shift in money market opinion on the direction of U.S. interest rates with dealers now forecasting lower Eurodollar deposit rates.

On the Eurodollar markets, the short-term dollar deposit rates eased by as much as $\frac{1}{4}$ percent to take the one-month rate to under the 9 percent level at one stage from 9 $\frac{1}{16}$ percent on Friday closing. Longer-dated funds came off sharply to take the one-year rate to 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent levels.

The fall in dollar rates seems to have been triggered by a sharp fall in Federal Reserve "Fed fund" prime lending rates which closed at the 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent level Monday night compared with 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent a week ago. The markets were also relatively nervous about what might come out of the Federal Reserve Board chairman's testimony to the administration Tuesday night and feel that it might give an indication of the direction of interest rates in the short-term. Others feel that the "Fed" will continue with its present policy of no change.

There was plenty of change however, on the bullion markets with both gold and silver prices rising above Monday European levels. Gold traded at \$433 to \$434 an ounce range, while silver was up sharply to \$11.40 an ounce from \$11.18 on Monday. Dealers said that demand seemed to come from various parts of the world but European and American dealers were out in force.

The exchange markets were relatively busy Tuesday and the trend seemed to be downward for the dollar. Dealers said that profit-taking plus short-term currency covering for the continental currencies was the major factor but it was certainly the downward trend in dollar interest rates that set the tone in the markets.

The British pound seemed intent on capturing the market by storm for sterling rose

to a new higher level of 1.5350 on the ground that Mrs. Thatcher might call an early June election. The German mark fell however, to 2.4210 levels but later recovered as signs emerged of a firming in the German interest rate market.

The French franc was firmer at 7.2650 levels and later rose to 7.2650 prices with little French central bank support. The Japanese yen rose to 236.50 but later eased on profit-taking to trade at 237.10 prices as the markets tried to assess the latest backing given to President Mitterrand by the French National Assembly to the president's austerity program. The Swiss franc was stronger at 2.0460 from 2.0530 levels in New York on Monday night.

The domestic markets witnessed an extremely sharp and volatile trading day that took riyal deposit rates down by another $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ percent in some instances. These sharp downward moves are catching almost all market participants by surprise and the pressure for rates to fall further will be given a push by the fact that more institutions will be trying to lend as rates are declining. The week fixed deposit traded at 7-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent from opening levels of 8 percent.

One-month JIBIC rates opened at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent but fell back to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent in Jeddah in extremely sharp fluctuations. Longer-dated funds were generally more stable and the one-year rate was quoted around the 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ percent level — down from the 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent prices reached a week ago.

While riyal deposit rates were fluctuating and on the down swing, there was some lively trading on the exchange markets with post riyal/dollar rates rising to new record levels of 3.4520-30 at one stage. Demand for most currencies and the dollar was heavy and came from both interbank and commercial clients.

LONDON, (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London 432.50
Paris 439.52
Frankfurt 434.00
Zurich 433.25
Hong Kong 432.87

Taipei-Amsterdam air link irks Peking

TAIPEI, April 12 (AFP) — Taiwan's flag carrier China Airlines (CAL) opened a service to Amsterdam Tuesday in a move to crack the Nationalist Chinese regime's isolation but which has sparked loud protests from Peking.

A local newspaper described CAL's inaugural flight to the Dutch capital as a "march" to Europe, "which will be helpful in enabling the Nationalist Chinese airline to realize a long-brokered plan to complete a round-the-world flight linking its New York route, also opened recently." A CAL Boeing 747-SP flew about 180 passengers, including some 60 journalists and 18 members of a Nationalist Chinese "Buy Dutch" mission to Amsterdam Tuesday evening.

On April 3, a Royal Dutch Airlines KLM flew some 140 passengers on its first flight to Taipei following an agreement signed with CAL in January on the new route. The accord triggered strong protests from China, which claims sovereignty over Taiwan.

China's leading newspaper, *The People's Daily*, last week accused the Dutch government of pushing Sino-Dutch relations into a very dangerous situation by approving the Taipei-Amsterdam air service.

It called the Dutch action one more serious case of violating Chinese sovereignty, interfering in China's internal affairs and creating two Chinas. "We want to solemnly warn the Dutch government that on questions of sovereignty, the Chinese government and people are not ambiguous," *The People's Daily* said.

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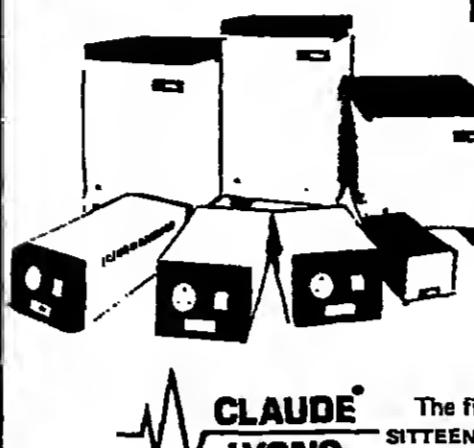
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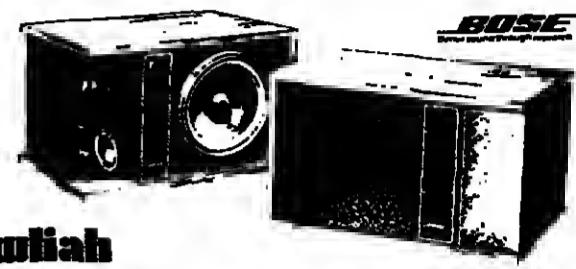


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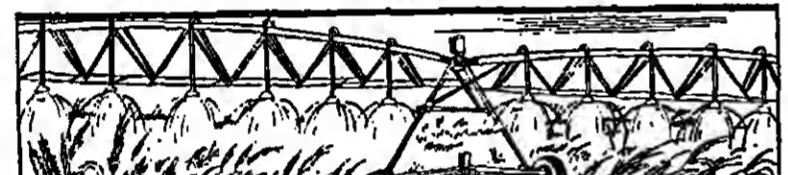
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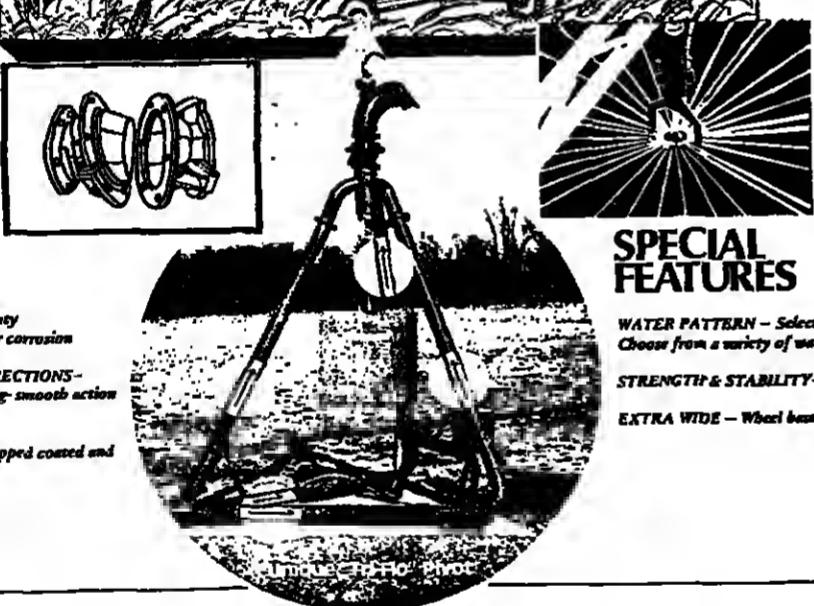


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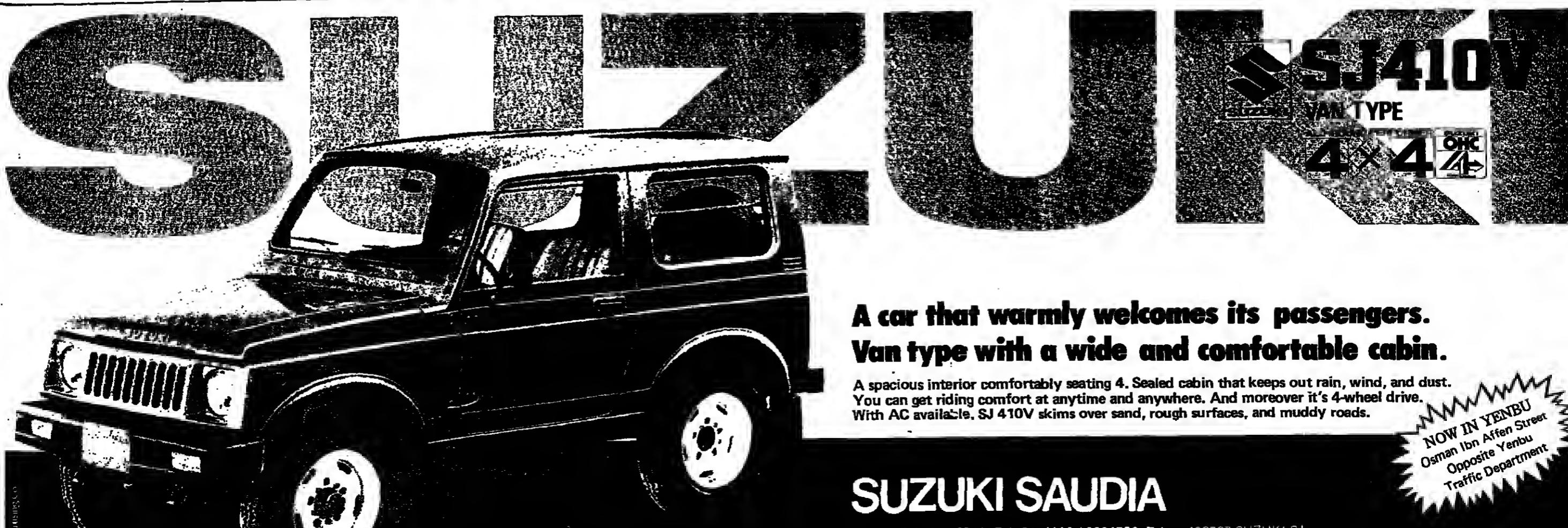
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Fear and mutual hatred grip life in Assam

By Santosh Basak

MANGALDOI, India (AP) — More than 100,000 soldiers and heavily armed paramilitary police are keeping the peace here in Assam state in the aftermath of ethnic conflict that by government estimate has left 3,000 persons dead or missing since February.

Both Bengali-speaking residents and the native Assamese who want them expelled from the state fear new violence if the soldiers and police are withdrawn.

People of both groups have taken refuge in guarded camps and refuse to leave because they fear they will be killed if they do.

Assam has been troubled since late 1979 by a grassroots, student-led movement that wants Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government in New Delhi to expel more than a million immigrants, mostly Bengali-speaking Muslims from neighboring Bangladesh.

The Assamese say they are being economically and culturally overrun by the immigrants. The settlers say they have been there for years and are Indian citizens.

In the middle are the tribes people whose native lands are being taken over for cultivation by the Bengalis with only ineffective resistance from the Assamese authorities.

"I will not go back to my village till the government permanently sets up an armed police camp there," said Surendra Debnath, a Bengali-speaking refugee. "Our enemies are still waiting for a chance to kill us."

Surendra, 32, a farmer from nearby Kharabari, fled his home Feb. 15 when the village was attacked by Rabha tribesmen and Assamese Hindus.

Subhash Dutta, 55, head of the Kharabari refugee camp, said at least 16 persons were "kidnapped by the local Assamese and killed" when they tried to go home.

"I was born at Kharabari," said Surendra. "Except for the deed for the land which father had bought, I do not have any other proof ... that I am an Assamese Indian. All other Bengali-speaking people in my village have similarly been living (there) for decades. We are not foreigners."

Most Bengali-speaking residents of Kharabari live in a compact area marked as an "enemy zone" by Rabha tribes people and local Assamese, Surendra said.

"They used to taunt us, saying, 'you Bengali, why not go away? we do not want you.'"

The situation worsened dramatically after talks broke down in January between the Assamese leaders and Mrs. Gandhi's government, and she called state assembly elections in Assam. The anti-immigrants movement launched an all-out drive Feb. 2 to block the multistage voting later in the month.

"The tone of their taunts became harsher and they frequently threatened ... to kill us if we cast votes," Surendra said in an interview. The Bengali residents of Kharabari were determined to vote, however, and, "on Feb.



SURVIVORS: Camps have been set up in different parts of Assam to provide temporary relief for people who either survived massacres or fled out of fear. This picture shows the inmates of a camp. Below, left: Fleeing from the horrors of the Kangalo village. Right: Riot police stand guard in front of vital installations like the railway station in the state.



17 when the polling was held in our area, we did so."

Retribution was swift, he added. At noon the next day, tribesmen and local Assamese together "attacked us with shrieks of *Jai* (victory) to Assam," the farmer said.

"They were armed with bows, arrows, choppers and bamboo sticks. Some were also armed with guns. We tried to fight back, but

failed. Many of us, mostly women and children, were killed while many others managed to flee."

Similar raids were made on 32 other Bengali-speaking settlements within a six-mile radius. A total of 386 Bengali settlers were killed and several hundred houses were burned to the ground, refugee camp officials said.

In other camps are Assamese-speaking refugees who tell of raids by Bengali-speaking settlers. They say they fear further violence at the hands of the settlers in areas where they have a majority.

A common fear expressed frequently to reporters was that Assam state police alone might not be able to or want to control the situation when the other forces leave.

Central African Republic moves to save wildlife

Bad heart' poachers declared a national scourge

By Paul Spencer Wachtel

GOUNDA CAMP, Central African Republic — The poachers saw us coming, and fled like schoolboys caught in a naughty prank, throwing down their spears and taking off for the sanctuary of the termite mounds shimmering in the heat to the south. They were gone, for this day at least, but they had left their fingerprints.

Just fifty meters downstream from the sleepy herd of two hundred wallowing hippos, the four men had laid seine nets and a few hundred meter zigzag of trot lines — large hooks baited with fish intestines — that crossed the narrow, warm river. When we pulled up the trot lines they were heavy with half meter long catfish and tilapia.

These wild fish varieties provide resilient, productive breeding stock for village fish ponds throughout the Central African Republic, yet the concept of these fish as a valuable "wild gene pool" hardly occurs to the intruders.

Their concern is much more basic and immediate. Food. Fish are an important resource in this protein-poor country.

It is hard to condemn "poaching" when the food finds its way into someone's stomach, yet the impact is considerable, and some rivers are completely fished out.

Obviously, depleting all the fish in the river cannot be considered sustainable use exploitation, a point noted by Comandante Evariste Konzale, minister of water and forests. Referring to the World Conservation Strategy, he notes that "our wildlife is a renewable natural resource, provided it is used wisely."

A worse problem is that fish poachers are opportunists who will take anything that moves," says Richard Ruggiero, U.S. Peace Corps wildlife biologist working on a World Wildlife Fund (WWF) project in the St. Floris-Gounda-Manovo National Park. Fish poachers are caught with crocodile and python skins, and their steel cable traps have eliminated most of the leopards in the park. Only recently has the first military-trained anti-poaching unit visited the national park. Otherwise the vast area (about the same size as Kenya's Tsavo or South Africa's Kruger National Parks) is not patrolled.

For the moment at least, anything that moves is fair game; Minister Konzale estimates game accounts for 10% of the animal protein consumed in the Central African Republic. But not all game is food — there is much more profit in elephant ivory.

An estimated 300 elephants were killed by poachers in the first half of 1980 alone, according to a WWF report, and a recent search through the gallery forest just ten kilometers from park headquarters revealed rotting carcasses of eight freshly killed elephants (most of the meat is left untouched) in an eight square kilometer area. There are undoubtedly others, and the five Peace Corps volunteers in the park, working with Jean-Luc Temporal, park

director, have collected data on two hundred dead elephants.

Although the widely available Kalashnikov AK47 automatic rifle is the weapon of choice of big game poachers in most of Africa, many poaching methods in the Central African Republic are more brutal and gruesome. Battery acid is poured into water holes. Hunters lie and wait with spears. They attack from dug-out canoes in the rainy season, and during dry weather come from nearby Chad on horses and from neighboring Sudan on camels.

The real macho bunters, according to Jacques, a Central African workman at the Gounda camp, sneak up on an elephant and, in an act of bravado, slice off its trunk and follow the angry and helpless bleeding animal till it collapses.

I asked Jacques how they could possibly get close enough.

"It takes people with a 'bad heart' to do this," he says, sitting in front of the fire that is smoking the fish that we confiscated earlier in the day from the poachers.

You need to get a certain *yoro*, a medicine, and wear an amulet, a *girigiri*, so that the animals will think that you are one of

their family and they won't be frightened when you approach."

"But most people don't kill members of their family," I protested.

"No, but these people are different from us."

Regardless of this difference, theirs is a remarkably wasteful vocation.

"Last month we found a dead giraffe. Nothing had been taken, no meat. The only thing missing was a square meter of skin, and the tail," explained Mike Fay.

"Why the tail?"

"They say it makes a good fly swatter. And it's an important gift in an Arab dowry."

During the height of the dry season there are perhaps 3,000-4,000 elephants in the park. The elephants are surprisingly important in maintaining the ecological balance. They open up the forest canopy and cause fresh plant regrowth, dig for salt and water that otherwise would be inaccessible to other animals and are vital for seed dispersal.

They are also a valuable commodity in a poor country, and the lure of ivory, which earns the poacher \$13 per kilo, is tempting indeed in a nation with the same GNP per capita (\$300) as Madagascar.

One authoritative source acknowledges that in 1982 some 150 tons of ivory, equivalent to 5,000 elephants, left the Central African Republic legally. Government officials insist that perhaps 10% of that comes from Central African Republic elephants, the rest having been transhipped from neighboring Zaire and Sudan and issued with official Central African Republic export documents. This "laundering" prevents accurate checks being made on elephant kills in the region.

"I have decided to wage war on poaching," noted Minister Konzale during a recent radio address, "and request that all energies be mobilized to eradicate this national scourge."

Whether he will be successful depends on many factors: government will to provide action that matches the rhetoric, programs to show how effectively run national parks and protected areas can ensure there will be sufficient fish and game to continue to provide food and livelihood for Central African Republic citizens, and a clear understanding of how wildlife is related to the country's development and the role WWF can play in achieving these objectives.

(Courtesy: WWF News)



VICTIM: This "desert elephant", a victim of poachers, is one of a steadily vanishing group in the African continent.

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Another Look

IRS guy taxes police

By Robert Yoskam

When I learned the other day that the Internal Revenue Service was hiring 75 new undercover agents to penetrate organized crime, I rushed to my files and pulled out a 1975 news story about how the IRS — and I quote from the *New York Times*:

"Operated a secret school for undercover agents in which it tested them with many temptations to see if they could resist disclosing their identities."

It was the kind of news item that gives humor columnists the vapors: readers who don't see the story assume that the columnist invented it.

But it was true. And, since the program was secret until the story broke, we have to ask ourselves whether the 75 new agents will also have to attend similar "stress seminars", as the IRS called them. Will they, too, be taken to motels, and exposed to attractions they could not resist?

little sense. You know, he could have frozen out there with only his shorts on. It was like he'd been pozeled."

"OK, I'll begin the interrogation, Mister, what's your name?"

"Can't tell. Say, was I hit by a car or something? I feel like I'm dying."

"What you're feeling, Mister, is the beginning of a huge hangover that will make you wish you were dying. You had numbed your brain and tied up your tongue. What happened?"

"Ah. What happened? Good question. Let me think."

"Sarge, maybe I can help. I wrote down some of the things he said before you came in. He said, 'This isn't fair,' and 'I hope my wife never hears about this,' and 'Would you take it off if I told you my middle name?' and 'This is the first time in my life that I wanted to fail an exam.'"

"Mmmmm. what does all that mean, Mister?"



"Exam? It sounds as though I was at some sort of school or... Oh! Now I remember! It's all beginning to come back!"

"Good. Now let's begin at the beginning. What's your name?"

"What's my name? Ah, hab! That's what she wanted to know! I get it! You're part of the whole thing. And I almost feel for it. Well, I won't tell you my name."

"Look, buster, I've been pretty nice to you, but I've had enough! I don't know what the hell you're talking about, but I do know that we can book you for disorderly conduct, refusal to —"

"You mean you guys really are cops? You aren't IRS agents just dressed up that way to get information out of me?"

"Sure. And tomorrow we're going to dress like bananas to catch some more guys. Murphy, book this guy!"

"No! No! I can explain everything! Honest!"

That's where my imagination fails me. How did he ever explain everything? Anyway, that should be enough to serve as a warning to those new IRS agents. Stress seminars may be pretty tough inside the motel, but bang in there. It can be even more stressful outside.

Cheats foil Kremlin's plans

By Mark Frankland

MOSCOW (LOS) — The Soviet state has always been fascinated by planning. When the first five-year plan was introduced in 1929 many people, and not just in the Soviet Union, felt that an exceptionally promising step had been taken toward man's greater mastery over his environment.

Ten five-year plans later (the eleventh runs from 1981-85) planning seems as fallible as most other human inventions. Foreign, if not Soviet, experts debate whether the Soviet Union would have been better or worse off if it had tried something other than the rigid, centralized plan as its main tool of development. As to the working of the plan today, the Soviet press regularly carries stories that demonstrate its imperfection.

For all the tremendous powers possessed by Gosplan (the state planning committee) it is unable to ensure the regular functioning of the economy that is taken for granted in the mixed economies of Western Europe. Factories stop working for lack of electricity or raw materials. Railway wagons fail to arrive on time, leaving goods to spoil in open storage lots. A new factory is built but flats for its workers, not to speak of other amenities, struggle far behind.

It is not that the plan lies tightly on the shoulders of the men who run the farms and factories of the Soviet Union. A new and popular play in Moscow tells the story of an executive in a big construction trust who feels so driven to meet his plan that he allows workers, including his student son, to work on an unsafe site. There is an accident and the boy loses both arms.

Take a recently published story about a farm near Astrakhan on the Caspian Sea. On paper it seemed to be doing very well. The rice yields it achieved were so good that it became a model for other farms. Experts came visiting to study its methods.

Its chief method, it turns out, was trickery. Officially the farm management declared it was planting 455 hectares of rice when in fact it planted 519. The farm's spectacular success came from these "hidden hectares". Without their help its yields would have been very ordinary indeed. The same trick was performed with other crops as well as with cattle.

It is unlikely that this was an isolated incident. Failure to meet the plan affects the wellbeing of everyone on a farm. The temptation to conspire to make sure that plans are

met, if only on paper, is thus very great. The planners, of course, are aware of this and try to devise countermeasures. Their major weapon is the planning indicator. During the early five-year plans things were simpler. What mattered was to produce more coal and steel, more trucks and more tractors. Indicators that set targets in quantity were enough.

Today labor is scarce and raw materials are increasingly expensive. The country can no longer afford inefficient and low-quality production unless it is ready to accept permanent second-class status in the industrialized world. The planners have had to come up with more subtle indicators that reward factories for producing more for less and punish them (financially) when they fail.

But is it possible to devise an indicator which no one can falsify or manipulate? The Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* has just published an article that shows how difficult this is. Factories which produce new models are at once set targets for reducing year by year the amount of labor and materials that go into their production.

This seems straightforward enough. It concentrates managers' minds on the two problems of greatest national interest — saving labor and raw materials. But a Russian factory found a loophole so obvious that others must have discovered it.

It designed a new transporter that was intentionally extremely heavy, using sheet metal that was 20 millimeters thick. In this way it could easily meet the obligatory annual target of reducing by half a ton the amount of metal that goes into each vehicle. Each year the designers cut the vehicle's weight by the required amount but not a fraction more.

This was not only a false efficiency, since the vehicle could have been far lighter from the start. It also created wasteful expenditure. Designers and craftsmen toiled artificially on the annual "planned" reduction and equipment had to be altered too.

An indicator that was meant to encourage thrift, *Pravda* commented, resulted in "large and quite unjustified losses for the government."

The usual Soviet reaction to such stories is that better indicators must be devised. Central planning is so important a part of the Soviet system of government and policies that substantial change will come only slowly, if at all.

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The little-old-lady syndrome

By Sandy Rowner

WASHINGTON (WP) — It's been called the disease of little old ladies. Actually, if it can be called a disease at all, it's the one that causes little old ladies.

Osteoporosis, the progressive degeneration of bone mass, affects about one out of every four (mostly white) women over the age of 60. In America more than 5 million have it now and it is believed to be a major factor in virtually all of the 200,000 broken hips American women suffer every year.

Because complications will cause the deaths of nearly 40,000 of those suffering hip fractures, osteoporosis is the 12th leading cause of death in the United States. It is one of the so-called "big three" reasons for entering a nursing home, along with stroke and urinary incontinence.

Yet, says Dr. Morris Notelovitz, it is truly the "silent epidemic," because "people do not have symptoms until such time as they actually have a fracture. Then it is often too late to do anything constructive about it."

Even more common than broken hips, Notelovitz believes, are spontaneous fractures of the vertebrae of the spine, which cause a loss of height in older women as the spine quite literally collapses on itself. Eventually it results in the so-called "dowager's hump."

It is very difficult to define these in terms of numbers," says Notelovitz, "because unfortunately we have been led to believe or to accept the concept of the little-old-lady syndrome — and that the bent-over lady with the hump is just a part of normal aging. Indeed, it is not."

Notelovitz is a gynecologist who is trying to make the study of middle years in both men and women as much a specialty as pediatrics or geriatrics. He has just written a book on osteoporosis — *Stand Tall: the Informed Woman's Guide to Preventing Osteoporosis* (Triad, \$12.95, hardcover — \$6.95, paper), co-authored by Marsha Ware. Most of the royalties will be donated, the book states, to the research and scholarship fund of the Center for Climacteric Studies at the University of Florida. Notelovitz is director of the center, which specializes in the study, treatment and prevention — especially prevention — of disorders that occur or begin in the middle years of life.

Prevention of osteoporosis should begin in young womanhood, Notelovitz, and most other specialists in the field are beginning to believe. Ton little calcium intake throughout

life appears to be one predictor of degenerative bone disease later on. After menopause, a lack of estrogen is a major factor. Through a complicated set of biochemical relationships, estrogen prevents other hormones from adversely affecting bone density.

It is useful to start early (in osteoporosis prevention)," says Dr. G. Donald Whedon, former director of what is now the National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases. He is now associated with the Kroc (Scientific and Educational) Foundation in California.

Both men and women should pack in the milk in their growing stages and should pay attention to getting adequate calcium right through their thirties and forties."

Notelovitz adds that black women are less susceptible (but not totally immune) to osteoporosis than Caucasians or Orientals for reasons that have not been established. Also women who have been moderately overweight during most of their lives have usually built up denser bones from carrying around the extra poundage and are therefore somewhat protected against osteoporosis, although they may be more susceptible to problems with weight-bearing joints, as, for example, osteoarthritis. He also notes studies suggesting that vegetarians lose bone mass at a slower rate than meat-eaters.

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"Women who have had a wrist fracture — a common early manifestation of osteoporosis.

— Women who have a low measurement of bone mass, shown by whatever test available. (Such as an X-ray taken for something else, chest, for example.)

Because estrogen-replacement therapy has been linked to certain cancers of the endometrium and possibly of the breast, the individual decision must be weighed carefully. New studies suggest that cyclical estrogen replacement, along with some form of progesterone (or the synthetic progestogen) supplement, may eliminate the cancer risk almost entirely.

Notelovitz feels strongly that younger

women who have had hysterectomies in which their ovaries have been removed should receive estrogen therapy. One conference at the National Institutes of Health has already approved estrogen-replacement therapy as a preventive measure in high-risk women. Another conference is scheduled for next year to examine the latest findings on the subject.

Other more easily correctable factors that appear to contribute to the syndrome are lack of exercise, smoking, diets containing too much protein, especially from red meats — although there are some conflicting studies on the last.

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"The available evidence, taken together, does not indicate that raising the calcium intake will abolish the problem of osteoporosis. It does indicate, however, that calcium nutrition is considerably more important in the genesis of osteoporosis than has been commonly thought for the past 35 years."

His own personal bias, says Heaney, is against pills and he urges increasing the amount of calcium in the diet. Dairy products are, of course, full of calcium, but it also is found abundantly in fish like sardines where the bones are soft enough to eat, and in green vegetables like broccoli. On the other hand, Notelovitz believes a calcium supplement is necessary, certainly when dairy products cannot be consumed in large quantities.

Climatic changes bringing bush fires

By Peter Blackburn

ABIDJAN (LOS) — Bush fires sweeping across large parts of the Ivory Coast have destroyed hundreds of thousands of hectares of crops and forest.

Many thousands of small cocoa and coffee farmers, the backbone of the country's agricultural wealth, have seen their plantations destroyed.

Jean Marie Allou, whose 30 hectares of cocoa near Yakassé in the eastern region have been wiped out, said: "I don't know what I am going to do now or how I can keep my 10 children at school." The plantation was his livelihood and it takes many years for new cocoa trees to become productive.

Minister of Forestry and Water Resources Christian Zagnot has estimated that 250,000 hectares of cocoa and coffee plantation and 400,000 hectares of forest have been destroyed by bush fires this year.

However, the minister's estimate that 65 percent of agricultural production has been lost is considered exaggerated by observers. They point out that cocoa and coffee plantations alone cover more than two million hectares, while there is also a vast area covered by food crops, palm oil, rubber and cotton.

The fires were often deliberately set by farmers clearing land for next season's planting or by poachers smoking out small game.

Such fires are usually safe due to lack of rain

— when a dry, dusty wind blows south from the Sahara — the country has been turned into a tinder box.

The harmattan, which normally blows in

Abidjan for a few days in January, lasted

near two months, shrouding the city center

in a grey haze.

Some experts say the felling of forests is

causing climatic changes. Ivory Coast's tropical rain forests, formerly the country's richest

natural resource, now cover only four million

hectares compared to 16 million at the start

of the century. Exploitation by the timber

industry and even more massive clearing by

farmers are responsible for the alarming

depletion.

Although the government is aware of the

danger, its reforestation program of 5,000

hectares a year makes little impression

against the continuing decline.

Experts point to increasingly erratic rain

fall and the steady southward surge of the

savannah as evidence of the danger. One

expert from the Food and Agricultural

Organization says the savannah could reach

the sea in three years if Ivory Coast continues

to suffer severe harmattans.

The bush fires have strengthened forecasts

of a sharp drop in this season's cocoa crop,

the country's main export. Ivory Coast is also

the world's largest producer and exporter.

As a result, prices have risen to their highest

level for nearly three years on the highly

volatile world cocoa markets. This means

Ivory Coast's cocoa export earnings could

rise despite the smaller export volume. But a

large number of small farmers will earn

nothing at all.

Some bankers are concerned that the massive

publicity given to the bush fires in the

government-controlled media could undermine

the country's credit rating. While the

publicity has helped boost prices it has also

created fears about Ivory Coast's prospects

in the long-term and ability to service a debt

which already absorbs 35 percent of export

earnings.

Dr. Peter
J. Stenicroft
M.D., F.A.C.P.

Medicalettes
(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Stenicroft: I wonder if my doctor is mistreating me. During a physical, he discovered that my blood pressure is 150 over 96. He calls it mild hypertension. But he hasn't prescribed anti-hypertensive medicines. I have a friend with pressure like mine who is on the pills. My doctor says that all I need to do is take off about 25 pounds and cut down on my salt intake. He has also suggested that I learn relaxation techniques. "Let's give that a try for a few months," he said. "If your pressure improves, there'll be time enough for anti-hypertensives." Shall I ask for another medical opinion? — Mrs. O.

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Dear Mrs. O.: Your doctor makes good sense in not "rushing in" with medication before he tries conservative treatment. Reducing weight, cutting down on salt and learning how to relax often bring pressures down to normal — or at least prevent them from going higher. People with diastolic pressure ranging between 90-100 are considered to be mild hypertensives. This affects about 30 million Americans. They make up about 75 percent of all hypertensives and about 15 percent of the population. There's a question whether such patients will live longer because of the medication. According to Thomas G. Pickering, M.D., of Cornell University Center: "Should we subject larger numbers of persons to long-term treatment with

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potentially harmful medications?" But AMA's Richard J. Jones, M.D., warns: "Drug therapy for mild hypertension, particularly for patients under 50 may indeed have been overrated. However, because patients may be at risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke for reasons other than blood pressure, no patient should discontinue his medication without discussing all the risk factors with his physician." Perhaps your doctor isn't being too conservative, Mrs. O.

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Dear Dr. Stenicroft: My dear friend who is 35 years old lost her first and only child — a beautiful boy of 8 months — through crib death. I wonder if her age had anything to do with it. — Mrs. P.

P.

Dear Mrs. P.: I doubt that her age was a factor in this unfortunate complication. In fact, some studies indicate that the incidence of sudden death syndrome is even greater in teen-aged mothers.

P.

For Mrs. Y.: In many instances, retarded children do not receive a nutritious diet. They improve on nutritional treatment which includes proper amounts of vitamins and minerals as supplements to the diet.

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DENNIS the MENACE



"DON'T WORRY, DAD... LET ME AN' MOM HANDLE THIS. IT'S OL' NUMBER 152!"

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Radio Programs

BBC World Service

MORNING TRANSMISSION
0300 World News
0309 News about Britain
0315 Radio Newsreel
0330 A Jolly Good Show
0415 Outlook
0445 Report on Religion
0500 World News
0509 British Press Review
0515 English Baroque Music
0530 Ann Veronica
0600 World News
0609 News about Britain
0615 The World Today
0630 Discovery
0700 Newsdesk
0730 Waveguide
0740 Book Choice
0745 Financial News
0755 Reflections
0800 World News
0809 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0830 Dance of the World
0845 The World Today
0900 Newsdesk
0930 Brahms' Chamber Music
1000 World News
1009 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1030 Letter from London
1040 Paperback Choice
1045 Report on Religion
1100 World News
1109 Reflections
1115 Jazz Workshop
1130 Comedy Show: 2nd, Two Cheers for February; 9th, 16th, Frank Muir Goes Into...; 23rd, The Hee Gee Bee Gees Story; 30th, Two Cheers for March

AFTERNOON TRANSMISSION

1200 World News
1209 British Press Review
1215 The World Today
1230 Financial News
1240 Look Ahead
1245 English Baroque Music
0100 Ann Veronica
0130 Musician at Large
0200 World News
0209 News about Britain
0215 Listening Post
0230 Mcidian
0300 Radio Newsreel
0315 Nature Notebook
0325 The Farming World
0345 Sports Round-up
0400 World News
0409 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
0430 My Cousin Rachel
0515 Report on Religion
0530 Comedy Show
0600 Radio Newsreel
0615 Outlook
0700 World News
0709 Commentary
0715 Rock Salad
0745 The World Today
0800 World News
0809 Listening Post
0825 New Ideas
0835 Waveguide
0845 Sports Round-up
0900 World News
0909 News about Britain

VOA

Wednesday Schedule

0600-0700 Daybreak: Regional and Topical Reports

0700-0800 The Breakfast Show: News, Informal Presentations

0800-0900 Daybreak/Breakfast Show

1830 VOA Magazine Show

1930 Special English News

1910 Special English Science and Technology Report

1915 Special English Feature: Space and Man

1930 New Music USA

2000 News Roundup

2030 Dateline

2100 Special English News

2110 Special English Science and Technology Report

2115 Special Feature: Space and Man

2130 New Music USA

2200 News Roundup

2230 VOA Magazine Show

2300 Special English News

2310 Special English Science and Technology Report

2315 Music USA: Jazz

2400 VOA World Report

EVENING FREQUENCIES

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International

Stock market touches peak

Chances of U.K. poll in June rated high

LONDON, April 12 (R) — Britain was betting Tuesday on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher calling a general election in June, 11 months before her five-year mandate runs out.

Speculation on an early election pushed the London stock market to an all-time peak, the pound strengthened on foreign exchange markets and bookmakers made it short odds on a June poll. Thatcher's aides acknowledged that political pressure was building up for an election in June but insisted nothing had yet been decided. "She is keeping all her options open," a spokesman in the prime minister's office said. "She won't even consider an election date until after local government elections on May 5."

Political opinion polls give her ruling Conservatives a big lead, eight percent ahead of the Labor Party and 22 percent in front of the centrist Liberal and Social Democratic Alliance. Party sources said a majority of Conservative members of parliament wanted an early poll to remove political uncertainty and take advantage of favorable signs for an economic recovery.

Government ministers have expressed

optimism that the economy may be reviving, with inflation down around five percent for the first time in 13 years and business confidence rising.

Share dealers said investors obviously believed an election was close at hand. The *Financial Times* stock index, which hit a record 683.9 Monday, rose 6.6 points in early trading Tuesday. Monday's close was 22 percent up on last year.

The pound, which plunged in recent weeks with falling oil prices, rose to \$1.5340. It closed at \$1.5287 Monday night.

Leading bookmakers reported heavy wagering on a June poll and shortened the odds overnight from even money to 4/5. Thatcher, who became Britain's first woman prime minister when voters turned her out in May 1979, repeatedly said she would like to run her full five-year term. But she has teased the opposition in recent weeks with hints of an early poll.

Last week, she met key cabinet ministers to thrash out a draft election manifesto. She intensified speculation by arranging to address new Conservative candidates next weekend.

By Scowcroft panel

Discarded MX plan revived

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP) — The latest plan for basing the MX missile, similar to a proposal rejected by Congress two years ago, is awaiting U.S. President Ronald Reagan's endorsement before it is to face a bitter congressional fight.

A commission appointed by Reagan proposed Monday that 100 MX weapons should be built and put in existing Minuteman missile silos in Wyoming and Nebraska and that a new, smaller land-based nuclear missile should be developed in the next decade.

"Few, if any, will consider our recommendations an optional solution," said retired Gen. Brent Scowcroft, who headed the 11-member panel. "If such were available, this commission probably would not have been concerned."

"What we have, we feel, has a reasonable, has the best chance to be successful," he told a news conference. But most of the immediate congressional reaction came from MX opponents and it was predictably negative. "A dangerous, expensive fraud," was the reaction of Sen. Carl Levin, Democrat, Michigan.

"Sen. Mark Hatfield, a member of Reagan's Republican Party and chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called the recommendations 'nothing less than mad.' 'If the commission's recommendations are adopted, we might as well also announce that America has adopted a first strike nuclear strategy," Hatfield said.

The Reagan administration says the 10-warhead MX is needed because the 1,000 Minuteman missiles — the backbone of America's land-based nuclear force — is vulnerable to a first strike by increasingly accurate Soviet missiles. The MX was first proposed a decade ago, and three dozen basing plans have been considered and rejected since then.

During a brief meeting, Reagan formally received the panel's recommendations but withheld his endorsement. "Some of my best friends are MX missiles," he joked. Aides said Reagan likely will embrace the recom-

mendations next week, once Congress has completed battling over a nuclear weapons freeze and the disputed nomination of Kenneth Adelman to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Campaigns to kill the MX already were

being readied in the House of Representatives and Senate. Reagan established the commission Jan. 3 after Congress turned down his "dense pack" plan to deploy MX missiles closely together in Wyoming silos.

Lawmakers put a freeze on money to build the MX until Reagan proposed an acceptable basing system.

His original proposal, unveiled 18 months ago, had called for putting 40 missiles in Minuteman silos temporarily while searching for a permanent basing system. Congress rejected that idea, saying it did nothing to protect the land-based missiles from Soviet attack and insisting that the administration come up with a permanent basing system.

In its report, the commission proposed putting 100 MX missiles permanently in Minuteman silos, and examining the possibility of "hardening" them against attack. In trying to sell the use of Minuteman silos, the commission played down the hotly debated argument about land-based missiles being vulnerable to Soviet rockets.

Scowcroft said development of a single-warhead missile — weighing about 15 tons as opposed to 100 tons for the MX — pointed towards a "new direction in arms control" and would ease the problem of missile vulnerability.

A smaller missile with only one warhead would be a far less inviting target to Soviet war planners, Scowcroft said, and could be the basis for arms control agreements based on counting the number of warheads, not launchers.

Meanwhile, in Moscow a specialist said the new U.S. proposal for an MX missile system is a "rather sinister" step forward in an increasingly dangerous arms race. But the specialist, Oleg Bykov, acknowledged at the same time that the Soviets are readying their own new missile that would in effect match the U.S. deployment of the MX.

River floods hit shipping in Germany

BONN, April 12 (R) — Floods crippled shipping on West Germany's inland waterways, closed riverside roads and prompted disaster alerts in the cities of Bonn, Cologne and Trier Tuesday, officials said.

The mass-circulation *Bild Zeitung* newspaper said a pensioner was swept in his death in the Moselle River Monday, but police could not confirm the report. In neighboring northeastern France, three persons were reported drowned and two motorists were missing after three days of flooding due to heavy rain. The mayor of Trier declared a state of emergency as the Moselle swelled to its highest level in over 20 years, forcing residents to flee in boats.

All roads from West Germany to Luxembourg were closed by the floods as driving rain persisted for most of Tuesday. In Bonn, the Rhine River touched its highest level for 13 years, bringing flood waters to within 100 meters of parliament. Barge traffic on the Rhine, Moselle and several lesser rivers was suspended until at least next week, river port officials said.

Many streets were flooded in the suburb of Beuel, across the Rhine from Bonn.

Remove SS20s, Japanese ask Russians

TOKYO, April 12 (AP) — Japanese Foreign Vice Minister Toshiro Nakajima Tuesday told his Soviet counterpart Mikhail Kapitsa that the Soviet Union should remove "completely" from the Far East its SS-20 medium-range nuclear missiles, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Nakajima and Kapitsa were discussing international relations in an opening session of a two-day working-level meeting, the officials said. He also criticized Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko for suggesting on April 2 that the United States deploys nuclear weapons in Japan. Japan's non-nuclear principles ban possession of any nuclear weapons on its territory.

The officials quoted Kapitsa as saying that "SS-20 missiles are not aimed at Japan or any other Asian nations." Kapitsa said deployment of the missiles in Asia was meant to counter the U.S. bases in the Pacific and warships equipped with nuclear missiles aimed at Soviet Asia. "As far as Japan is not involved in aggression against the Soviet Union, it doesn't need to worry about the SS-20s," Kapitsa said.

Nakajima rejected that argument, saying Soviet ships armed with nuclear missiles are also in the Pacific. He also said that SS-20 missiles can be targeted at Japan whenever the Soviet Union wants. "Japan cannot rest assured until the Soviet missiles are completely removed" from Soviet Far East bases, he said.

Bonn verdict on census today

BONN, April 12 (R) — West Germany's highest court is due to announce Wednesday whether a national census set for April 27 violates the constitution. The federal constitution court will rule on a complaint by three private citizens on the census which, although unanimously approved by parliament last year, has encountered increased opposition over the amount of personal details demanded.

The opposition Social Democrats (SPD), who voted for it when they led the coalition government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, now want the census to be postponed. The radical Greens Party, represented in the Bundestag (lower house) for the first time following the March 6 general election, says it amounts to "a national interrogation" and has called for a boycott.



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Walesa holds secret meeting with comrades

WARSAW, April 12 (Agencies) — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's banned Solidarity trade union, held a secret meeting at the weekend with leaders of the underground opposition movement, he announced in a communiqué Tuesday.

The communiqué, read over the telephone by Walesa's wife Danuta at her Gdansk home, said the meeting took place between Saturday and Monday. It did not say where.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban told a press conference he had not heard about the Solidarity leaders' meeting. But he said "there is no law expressly forbidding anyone from meeting with anyone." For such a meeting to be considered illegal, he said, there would have to be criminal intent.

Urban said his only concern was that since last October's trade union law, under which all former unions were dissolved, "Solidarity does not exist and Walesa is a private person."

It was the first reported meeting between Walesa and his former union colleagues who coordinated the underground campaign against martial law since the Solidarity leader was released from internment last October. Walesa has said in the past he supports the aims, if not necessarily the methods, of the underground movement, which organized demonstrations and strikes in protest against the suppression of Solidarity.

The communiqué said: "The head of the presidium of Solidarity's national commission, Lech Walesa, met the Solidarity provisional coordinating commission on April 9, 10 and 11, 1983. They discussed in detail the country's present situation and coordinated their stands," it said.

The provisional coordinating commission, known by its Polish initials TKK, is an illegal body and contact with it is illegal. Mrs. Walesa said her husband was now at their apartment in the Zaspa suburb of Gdansk. Asked whether Walesa had any further plans, she said: "Let us wait for further developments."

The TKK consists of five senior union officials from different parts of Poland who evaded capture and internment on Dec. 13,

Vietnamese move troops Thais say

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, April 11 (Agencies) — Sizable Vietnamese units backed by tanks and artillery, have moved into positions threatening two Cambodian civilians, Thai military sources said Tuesday.

Hano's troops were reported within striking distance of Ban Sangae, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front's chief stronghold, which holds about 23,000 civilians, and Nong Samet, a sprawling, ramshackle encampment with more than 77,000 civilians.

The non-Communist KPNLF, one of three coalition partners fighting Vietnam's forces in Cambodia, claims to have 11,000 men under arms, with a sizable portion of them in the two threatened bases. Thai military officials said KPNLF leader Son Sam has been meeting with his top commanders in recent days discussing the defense of the camps and plans to evacuate the civilians in event of attacks.

International relief officials have been preparing evacuation sites inside Thailand should a new stream of refugees pour across the border. About 25,000 Cambodians have fled to Thailand since March 31.

Earlier this month, Vietnamese troops concentrated their efforts against the other two coalition members — the Communist Khmer Rouge and the group loyal to Prince Nordom Sihanouk, who is also the overall coalition leader.

Meanwhile, Son Sam has called on the United Nations to investigate an alleged massacre of Kampuchean refugees by Vietnamese troops.

He said in a statement he had sent a cable to U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de

Cueellar asking for a commission to investigate the alleged massacre at the Sihanoukville refugee camp on the Thai-Kampuchean border last week.

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